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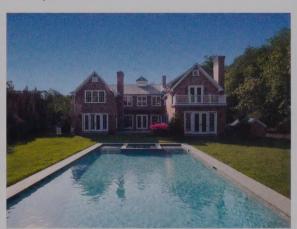
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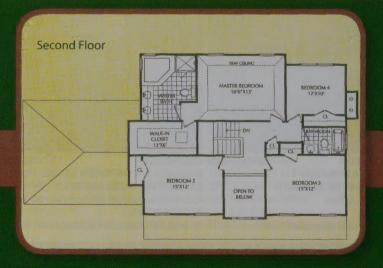


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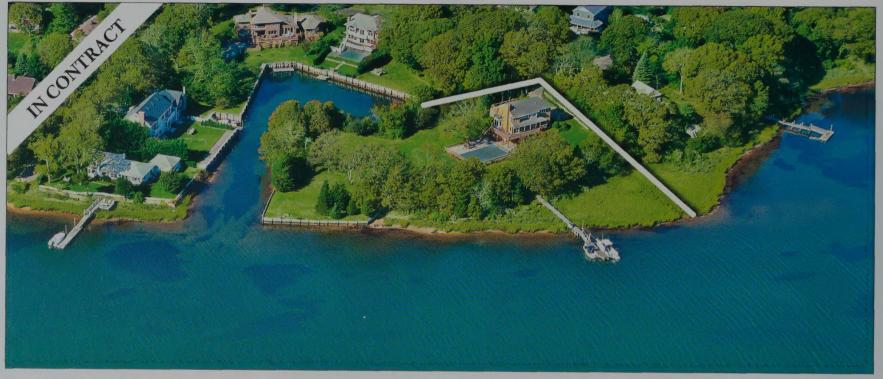
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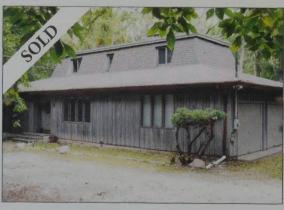


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OPEN HOUSE BY APPOINTMENT Sag Harbor | \$1,475,000 | 2 cleared acres. 4-bedroom, 2.5-bath Ranch. Large Living room, screened porch, new Gunite pool, outdoor shower, 2-car garage. Hedged on 3 sides. Major Potential. Web# H11888 Lori Barbaria C: 516.702.5649 Ibarbaria@elliman.com



OPEN HOUSE BY APPOINTMENT Sag Harbor | \$2,875,000 | Newly renovated home, located on Sag Harbor Cove. Beautiful views looking out to water. Gourmet kitchen. The property is bulk headed with dock. Features 4 bedrooms and 4 baths. Web# H35152 Monica Reiner C; 631,903,3920



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OPEN HOUSE SAT. 12/20 & SAT. 12/27 | 12:30-2PM | 131 Lockwood Avenue, Bridgehampton \$5,495,000 | South of the highway offering approximately 7,500 sf. 8 bedrooms, 7 full baths, 2 half baths, heated Gunite pool. Web# H44606 Brendan Skislock C: 917.514.7887 Dianne Brannen C: 631.334.3484



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WATERFRONT ESTATE SECTION Quogue | \$4,200,000 Hamptons 14-room Beach House on almost 2 acres. 8 bedrooms, 4.5 baths Quogue Village Beach rights and private dock. DEC permits in place for pool. 1.5 hours to NYC. Web# H25910 Adriana Jurcev C: 917.678.6543



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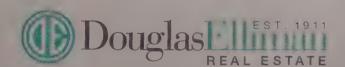


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CURTO & CURTO THE BUILDERS BY TONI CURTO NEW CONSTRUCTION Southampton | \$3,100,000 | 6,500 sf, 2.4 acres, water views, 7 bedrooms, Heated Gunite pool, Tennis, In by Spring 2015 | Web# H35395



BRIDGEHAMPTON SOUTH POND FRONT SPECTACULAR
Bridgehampton | \$4,900,000 | 7,180 sf, 1.35 acres, 6 bedrooms, 6.5 baths, Gunite pool,
Jacuzzi, Grand second story great room and porch, 3 fireplaces, Dock | Web# H0155997



DUNE ALPIN TRADITIONAL ON RESERVE
East Hampton | \$2,050,000 | 3,000 sf, .70 acres, 5 bedrooms, 3 full and 2 half baths,
Heated pool, Spacious eat-in kitchen, Community tennis | Web# H35701



Southampton | \$425,000 | Web# H50426



Southampton | Land, \$225,000 | .46 acres



Bridgehampton | \$599,000 | Web# H54993





SOLD Sagaponack | \$3,060,000



SOLD Sagaponack | \$1,459,000



SOLD Sagaponack | \$1,360,000



SOLD Water Mill South | \$2,995,000



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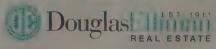
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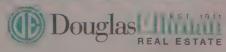
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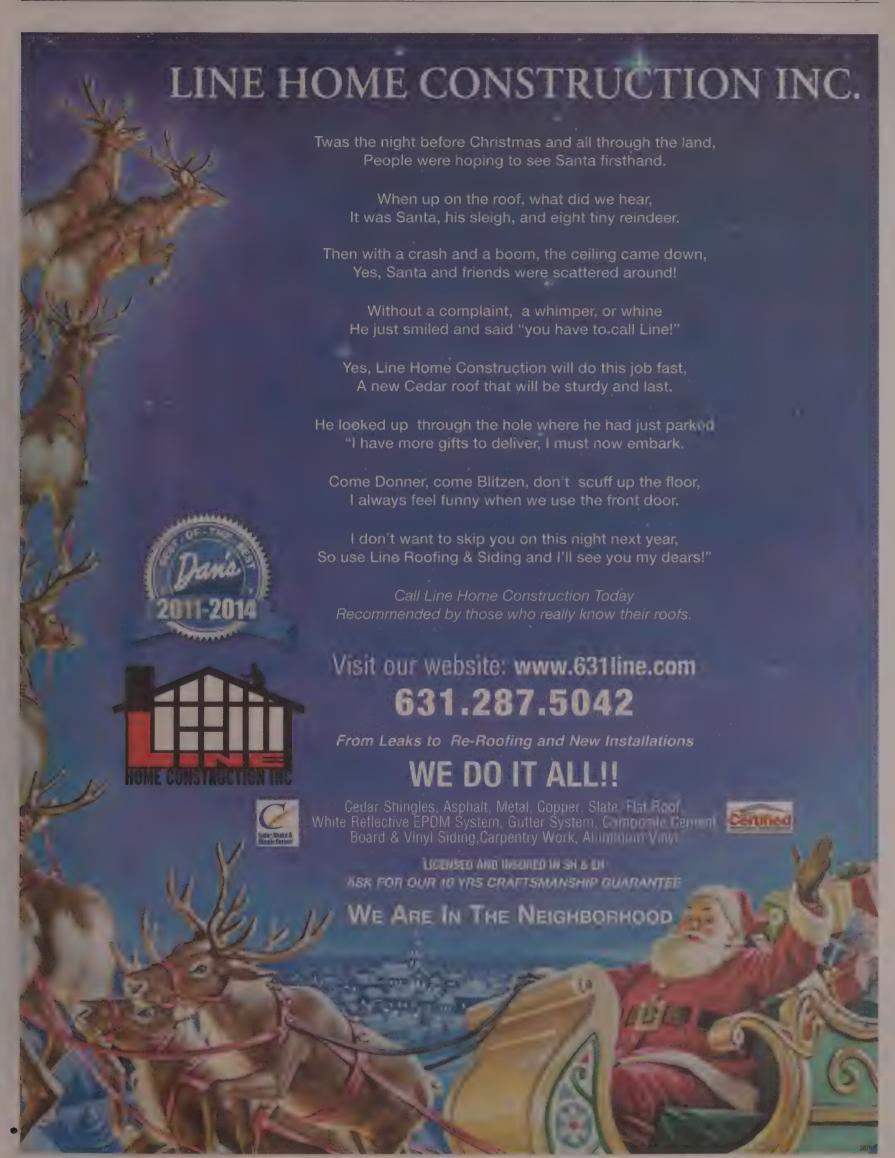
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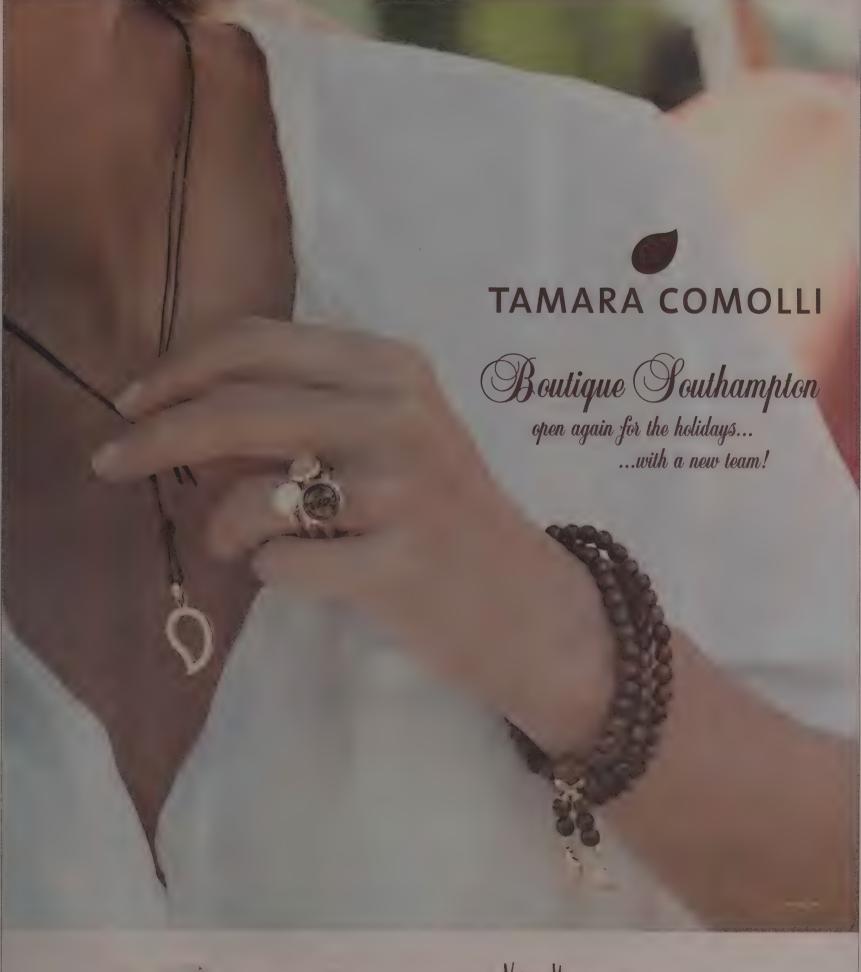


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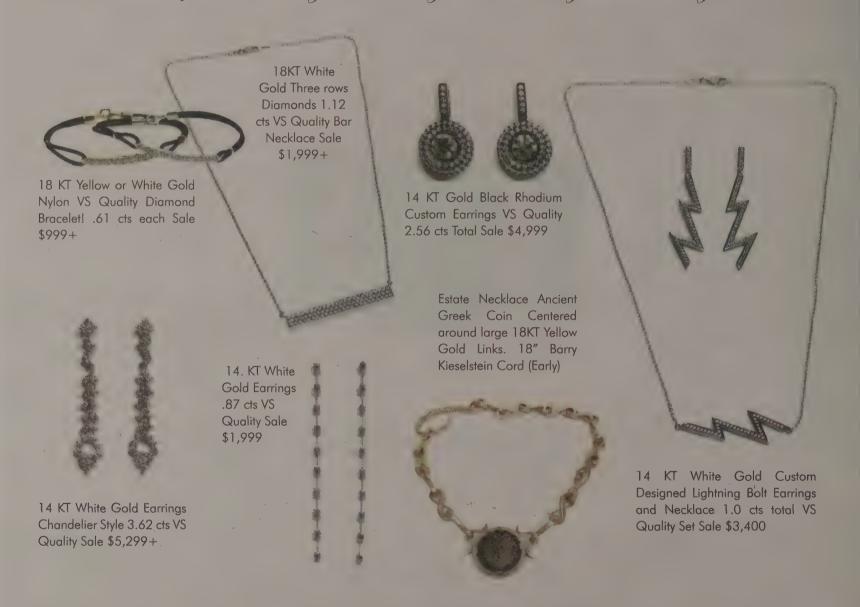
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Special guests will include: Clark Gayton, Brian Mitchell, Randi Fishenfeld, Bill Sims Jr., Billy Campion, Billy Ryan and Arno Hecht. These concerts are sponsored by Dan's Papers.

Along with Donald Trump, Whoopi Goldberg and Carmelo Anthony, East Hampton resident Martha Stewart will reportedly make a cameo appearance in Radio City Music Hall's New York Spring Spectacular beginning March 12.

Expect to see food world celebs shopping the Holiday Market at the Topping Rose House in Bridgehampton next Saturday, Dec. 20—but don't expect to see Chef Tom Colicchio there. Colicchio announced last week that he will no longer be involved with the luxe hotel and spa in 2015. He helped open the facility in 2012. See story about local places to shop for holiday giftgiving on page 67.

Montauk artist Julian Schnabel shipped his latest work, a 20-foot-tall sculpture named "Ahab," to Miami last week. The piece was installed in front of the sales gallery for the Brickell Flatiron, a new luxury condo complex.

Hamptonites take Manhattan: Montauk's Ralph Lauren about to open his first restaurant in New York, the Polo Bar, just to the east of his flagship store on Fifth Avenue at 55th Street. The executive chef will be Sepp Stoner. While East Hampton's Martha Stewart is



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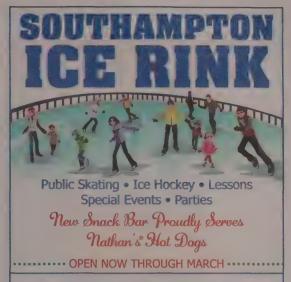
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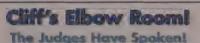
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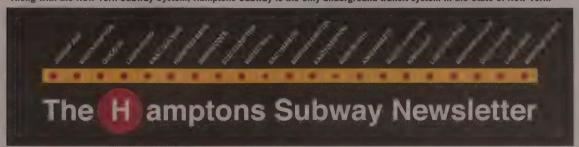
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BY DAN RATTINER

Week of December 19–24, 2014 Riders this past week: 11,812 Rider miles this past week: 86,946

DOWN IN THE TUBE

Betsy Johnson, dressed colorfully, was on the subway between Wainscott and East Hampton on Monday. Taylor Swift was seen on the Subway humming something between Southampton and Water Mill on Tuesday morning. Singer Paul Simon was staring out the window while heading eastbound between Napeague and Hither Hills on Friday.

MORE ON THE POSSIBLE NORTH FORK SUBWAY LINE

Discussions are proceeding with officials on the North Fork about the possibility of having Hampton Subway expanding its service up there. We want to make things perfectly clear. The name will remain Hampton Subway. North Forkers will have to pay a specified amount on their real estate tax bills every year for the service, to cover the inconvenience of having to buy more subway cars and hiring more people and paying for more trackage. In return, North Forkers will be allowed to drink wine on the subway if they can show their North Fork ID cards. Give a little, get a little, we say.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SCHEDULE

It would be important for riders to make special plans for New Year's Eve on the subway. After negotiations with our motormen's union, it has been decided to allow all Hampton Subway employees to go off duty to their respective New Year's Eves parties at exactly 9 p.m. If you are on the subway just before 9 p.m., you will have to leave the subway when it makes its next stop, which will be whatever stop is next at 9 p.m. You will have to get a cab from there, or walk home.

WEDDINGS

As you may know, there have been occasions when some wealthy people hire out the Hampton Subway for a day to have a wedding. It is an inconvenience to riders for that day. But we've now decided to offer weddings at a cheaper price for those who cannot afford to rent the

whole subway system out. It is now possible, for a fee, to hold a wedding while the subway is in motion, by renting out not the whole subway system but just one car on one subway line, or if you have a big crowd, two adjacent cars (we will leave the doors open between the cars). It will be much cheaper. The only downside is you will have to wait until your subway train comes through the whole system to get you back to where everybody got on. This takes two hours. Indeed, we will rent out one car for those two hours. Or four, or six. Depends on the kind of wedding. Call for prices.

HARD AND FAST RULE

We want to make this clear. The subway will only go on its designated route. Motormen will ignore instructions to take it anywhere else, because it only goes where the tunnelgoes. If you don't want to be taken to where it is going next then get off it and go the other way or just leave the subway system entirely.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

The Subway Restaurant Chain, which has the license to sell sub sandwiches in those little kiosks you see on all the platforms, is now going to offer a new, longer footlong, actually a foot-and-a-half long, which will be in the shape of a Hampton Subway Car. It will have a gumdrop at one end, which will be its "headlight," and will have fake sliding doors on the sides that you can chomp on. It will also have a fake beach umbrella on top. They are still deciding on its innards.





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REINDEER BULLYING ALLEGED

Police disclosed this week that an investigation into reindeer bullying has been opened. This comes as an awareness of the dangers of reindeer-on-reindeer bullying has become more widespread, even influencing popular songs and TV shows. From the report: "Police are looking into complaints regarding bullying allegedly perpetrated by a large group of reindeer against a vulnerable reindeer due to a physical discrepancy. The public can be assured that police have a zero-tolerance policy for reindeer bullying, and we will make sure that the facts of this matter are uncovered." Police spokesman Rudy Rentier was forceful in his denunciation of reindeer bullying, "Just because a particular reindeer might have, I don't know, a bushy tail or an unusual pattern of spots or even a red shiny nose, doesn't mean the other reindeer get to laugh or use degrading names," Rentier said at a news conference. "That's a hate crime, as is deliberately excluding a reindeer from established reindeer group activities." Donner and Blitzen, two prominent reindeer who may or may not have taken part in the alleged bullying, were said to be cooperating with the investigation and providing details about specific instances of bullying. The victim's identity has not been released.

WAR ON NEW YEAR'S

Police were on call for crowd control on Monday as a group of local activists staged an angry demonstration in Southampton denouncing what they see as attempts to tamper with the message and meaning of New Year's. Chanting slogans like "It isn't 2015 till the clock strikes 12" and "Clocks are the reason for the season," protestors expressed unhappiness over what one described as "a wishy-washy, looseygoosey liberal reinterpretation of the what New Year's really means." The protestor went on: "We believe that New Year's is about that point in time when a region's arbitrarily but uniformly set clocks reach midnight on what we arbitrarily agree to call December 31, and everyone the world over arbitrarily agrees to call the next year-long period of time by an arbitrarily set number. How dare they tamper with that!" Another protestor noted that "some people don't even stay up until midnight, instead toasting and 'ringing in the new year' at 10 o'clock on December 31, or even earlier. They just don't get it!" Many protestors singled out senior citizen communities and nursing homes for special condemnation, citing "so-called New Year's parties" where "phony ball-drops are staged as early as 6 p.m." One tearful protestor, who described herself as "very emotional" about the subject, summed it up this way: "It's like they're trying to do away with time itself. How can they do this to New Year's?"

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Nest Seekers Holiday Party at 75 Main

Nest Seekers International celebrated the holiday season by gathering at 75 Main in Southampton last Thursday. The real estate firm continued its annual tradition of collecting unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. **Photographs by Barbara Lassen**



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SantaCon Check Presentation

Last Friday, Riverhead SantaCon participants gathered at the Suffolk Theater to present a donation of \$7,800 to New Beginnings for The Brendan House project.

Photograph by Barbara Lassen



Marshall and Sandi Aykroyd proudly accept a \$7,800 donation to the Brendan House in honor of their son Brendan, a special person who believed in paying it forward and helping others in need

Dan's Literary Prize Salon Series at Southampton Inn

Dan's Literary Prize Southampton Salon Series continued at the Southampton Inn last Saturday evening. Hosted by Dan Rattiner himself, three authors read their short stories. The series will be held once a month through March.



Kevin Mirabile, Ann Fox, Dan Rattiner and Rich Scholer, the December participants of the Dan's Literary Prize Salon

Romany Kramoris Holiday Invitational

Romany Kramoris Gallery in Sag Harbor presented an array of local artists at their colorful Holiday Invitational exhibition, which will be on until January 18, 2015. **Photograph by Barry Gordin**



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Foodie bits: Yes that was **Ina Garten**'s right-hand gal **Jeanne Cuddy-Peretz** heading into Citarella in Southampton last Friday afternoon. And that was **Sam Rivers** picking up a few things at King Kullen in Bridgehampton Friday night. Rivers is developing a project to get local farmers, artisans and food purveyors to work together. He said, "I don't have it all figured out yet." When he does, you can read all about it in *Dan's Papers*. Artist **Donald Sultan** lunched at the American Hotel in Sag Harbor on Sunday.

On the small screens: East Hampton comedian Jerry Seinfeld joined Martin Short and YouTube Martha personality Sings for a hilarious of Pictionary, game hosted by Sagaponack's Jimmy Fallon, on The Tonight Show last week. Amagansett's Alec Baldwin is doling out romantic advice in Alec Baldwin's Love Ride, a



new web series on Above Jerry Seinfeld

Average. In each episode Baldwin chooses a couple off the street, hops into a cab with them and offers free tips for a happy love life. Oprah Winfrey's OWN Network with debut Sag Harbor, a one-hour special that takes a hard look at the changing demographics and real estate values in this historically multi-ethic village, on Saturday, January 3. Celebrity chef Tom Colicchio, culinary whiz of the Topping Rose House in Bridgehampton, is working on a new cooking show for Bravo. On Best New Restaurant Colicchio and two advisors will visit 16 restaurants in New York City, Austin, Los Angeles and Miami to find the best new dining experience in those urban areas. The series premieres January 21.

Southampton artist **Art Donovan**, aka "Mr. Steampunk," is offering hand-painted, limited edition of cufflinks for someone very special on your holiday gift list! The image is based on his most recognized "Craniometer" from the Shiva Mandala illuminated pendant seen internationally.

South Fork regular **Dr. Samuel Waxman** and the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation celebrated their 17th Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction by honoring fashion designers **Carly Cushnie** and **Michelle Ochs** with a performance by special musical guest **Ziggy Marley** on December 4 at Cipriani Wall Street. Known affectionately by New (Continued on page 66)



Who Will Guide Sleigh?

Giraffes, Kangaroos, Elephants, Bears, Camels and Reindeer Audition

BY DAN RATTINER

A Christmas fable to be read aloud to the children of the East End.

A thousand years ago, when Santa Claus first opened his workshop at the North Pole, he called a meeting with the elves. He was worried. Exactly what did they suggest he do to have his sleigh pulled all around the world in just the 12 hours between Christmas Eve and Christmas morning?

No airplanes had been invented yet. There were no helicopters, no blimps, no dirigibles. What to do?

"What about having a flock of birds pull the sleigh for the night?" one of the elves asked.

"No birds," Santa said. "Too small."

"Well, we have those big flying dinosaurs," another elf said.

"You mean the pterodactyls? I'm not sitting in a sleigh behind any team of funky-smelling flying pterodactyls."

"How about eight flying dragons?"

"They breathe fire. Think of something else." The elves and Santa sat quietly for a while.

"Well, why don't we have a contest?" Santa asked. "Ask all the countries in the world to enter."

And so that's what they did. The word went out. And offers came in from everywhere. From India and Brazil and Ethiopia, from Russia and Japan and South Africa and Australia, and from New Zealand and Canada and Egypt and France and a host of other places, even from Antarctica, which said it had a group of eight flying penguins. All together there were almost 200 offers.

Santa spent a week reading about all the different possibilities. And then he made a decision. He'd select the best six. And he'd invite them up to the North Pole to compete.

One week later, the entries from six countries flew in with their flying animals to set up camp just outside the North Pole and wait their turn to strut their stuff. A runway was dug through the snow. A grandstand was built. It was like an Olympics, but one that was not in any hurry. In fact, the competition would last six years. Each of the six would have the delivery job for one Christmas. Santa would take notes on how they did. And then he'd decide:

Soon, a very special Olympic Village was constructed on the outskirts of the North Pole for the entrants, and the handlers moved their creatures in, eight each, and trained there. What a wonderful time it was. There were bears and kangaroos and camels and giraffes and

elephants and reindeer. (But no penguins. They were cute, Santa said, but a team of eight just didn't have the heft.)

That first year, with everybody watching, Santa climbed into the sleigh at the end of the runway with his chief elf, cracked the whip and asked the entrants to head off. But they didn't. In fact, the eight big black bears from Russia just stood there harrumphing and growling and every once in a while, looking back and staring at him

"On Vladimir, on Boris, on Mischa, on Gennadiy, on Alexis, on Dmitry, on Irina on Sasha," Santa Claus shouted, and with that he cracked the whip a second time and this time the bears got themselves assembled, two in a row, four from front to back and excitedly began roaring and snapping as their keepers put the harnesses on them, after which, off they went galumphing down the runway until, yes, up in the air they went flapping their big black paws until they were up high into the sky and off over the horizon, the bells around their harnesses jingling, heading South, toward the first stop that year, which was Iceland.

Twelve hours later, Santa was back. The bears were exhausted. The presents were delivered. But it had not been easy.

An elf walked over with (Cont'd on next page)



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a clipboard and wrote down the report as Santa spoke it.

"Ate all the shingles off a roof in Scotland. Three of them got into a wrestling match in Borneo and held us up until a winner was declared. Growling and snarling on a rooftop woke up the kids in Mexico. Not good. Not good at all. But they tried hard and they got the job done."

The next year, the eight kangaroos from Australia, an all-girl team, were hooked up to the front of the sleigh. They hippity-hopped all over the place for a while, but then Santa got in the sleigh with the chief elf, cracked the whip, and asked the kangaroos to move. And once again, they didn't.

So then Santa yelled at them, in his strong baritone voice, "on Amelia, on Olivia, on Sophie, on Zoe, on Charlotte, on Madison, on Chloe and on Emily," and this time they all hopped into place, two in a row and four rows front-to-back and down the runway they hippity-hopped, yipping away until they finally took off with a thump thump thump of their two little back feet, and then with a flapping of their

little back feet, and then with a flapping of their even littler arms they took off from the runway and turned to head over the horizon toward the south, the bells around their harnesses jingling, first stop Alaska.

Twelve hours later, they were back. And Santa filled out his report.

"Ran off with presents in their pouches in Indonesia. We had to round them up. Hopping around on the roofs of homes in Germany loosened chimney bricks at several houses. Not



quite as fast as the bears, but tolerable. And they tried hard."

The elf shut the cover on his clipboard. Nobody would be allowed to read these entries except Mr. and Mrs. Claus themselves, and then only after it was all over.

The third year, the Indian trainers walked their elephants over to the runway, which had been doubled in both length and width so the elephants would have more than enough space to take off.

This was considered to be a sort of miraculous achievement if they could do it, and so a contingent from the United Nations had come

up to the North Pole to watch this. There was also a contingent from the Ringling Brothers Circus and from some new group called PETA, which apparently was looking after the elephants' rights, and there were the network news people, people from The Huffington Post and Slate and Dan's Papers and The New York Times and several religious leaders and even some presidents and kings.

The elephants were quiet and orderly as they were hooked up to the sleigh, but when Santa snapped his whip, nothing happened. They just stood there, their trunks hanging down, looking like elephants. And so Santa cracked the whip a second time and this time shouted their names: "On Nagesh, on Vishnu, on Omar, on Narendra, on Saanjh, on Akmal, on Neelkanta on Mukesh," and with that all the elephants got in line in four columns of two, and at the count of three

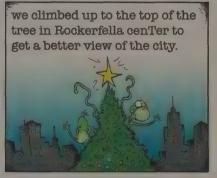
heave-hoed and heave-hoed and slowly began to walk down the runway, dragging their trunks, and then they plodded a little with their trunks swinging, and then they broke into a trot, raised their trunks to point forward, pulled their ears back and ran and ran and then miraculously, just before the very end of the new extension of the runway, just before they would have plowed into a snow bank, they began flap, flap, flapping their ears frantically so just in time, off they went—a miracle—and then getting higher and higher and higher they flew with Santa and his chief elf until they disappeared into a rain cloud that happened (Continued on page 62)

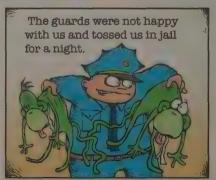






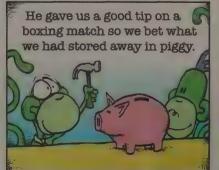
















The Affair

A TV Show Filmed in Montauk Reminds Many of a Scandal Years Ago

BY DAN RATTINER

The Affair is a TV series about a writer and a waitress who have an affair one summer in Montauk. It was shot last summer in locations around Montauk and the story is set in Montauk. It has been renewed by Showtime for another season, so there will be more filming going on.

I had not had a chance to see any of the episodes of its first season. Until last night. This came about because one of the members of my family was sick in bed and binge-watching successive episodes of The Affair. I happened in, and then couldn't tear myself away from these episodes as they unfolded one after another for the two hours we watched.

The reason was not because of how well the series shows off Montauk. And it was not because of the fact that it pretty much described accurately how the town is put together-with a big ranch out by the point, a fishing village on the bay and some rocking resort motels in the center of town. It was because how amazingly close the plot of this story resembled the crazy emotions that accompanied a very public "affair" in Montauk in the 1950s, when I was a teenager here. It did make me wonder if the writer of this series knew about it.

Way back in 1957, a wealthy advertising agency man in Manhattan named Marion Harper Jr. bought the ranch out in Montauk and other properties on East Lake Drive. His agency was one of the largest in the world at that time, an assemblage of other ad agencies. It was called McCann-Erickson. Harper would hold retreats at the ranch for his ad agency executives. There would be conferences there. He also had the ranch open for guests. And Harper also built a small-castle of a home on East Lake Drive for himself and his wife, Virginia.

By the time my dad moved our family to Montauk in 1956, when I was 16, the Deep Hollow Ranch was a busy place, not yet with the ad-agency executives but for ranch activities and for the renting out of cottages on the property for visitors. Deep Hollow had been given the name "Oldest Cattle Ranch in America," since it had been a cattle ranch since 1658—the English settlers who first arrived used Montauk as pastureland. They fenced in large pastures. One was where they built Third House, to be home for the shepherds and also a resting place for visitors from afar. This was to become Deep Hollow Ranch.

There was a lot of skeet shooting and trailriding going on at the ranch back then. There were also horse shows and havrides. And often, people on horseback would ride to downtown Montauk, hitch their horses to a post, and go off into a luncheonette or a store such as my dad's (White's Drug Store).

Harper had hired three brothers, all familiar with horseback riding and the ranch chores, to run the ranch. They were Shank, Jack and Phin Dickinson. Jack was the cowboy in charge. Phin was the true rancher and head honcho.

Our family's home was now on South Fairview Avenue. And my sister, who was 8 when we moved here, soon became friends with an 8-year-old girl who lived across the street named Peggy. They remained friends all through high school. The two girls would sometimes shout from their bedrooms across the way to each other. As the older brother, I got to know Peggy, and my parents got to know Peggy's mom, Nancy Dickinson. She was married to Phin Dickinson, the foreman at the ranch.

The affair, as it was known in the town, was between Phin Dickinson and Virginia Harper. It was rumored to have gone on secretly for years, and when passions finally got out into the open, they reverberated down to South Fairview Avenue, where, one day, Peggy came over to our house crying (Cont'd on next page)



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There is not much money other than the tens of millions of dollars that the ranch is worth—the kids will get that as their inheritance.

because her mother was throwing dishes and furniture around across the street.

Divorce was something not done often in those years. But divorce is where this one went. After Nancy Dickinson threw Phin out, he moved in openly with Virginia Harper, into the bunkhouse at the ranch. And so multimillionaire Marion Harper—he would have been a billionaire today—ended up in divorce court.

He had built that castle on East Lake Drive for himself and Virginia. Now he wanted it back.

One of the divorces went quick, the other, which involved lots of money, took years. Phin lived with Virginia for a while, but then that ended. But Nancy would not take him back. Eventually, Nancy moved away. And Peggy, along with her older sister Ann, moved away, too. And after that, my sister and Peggy lost touch with each other.

As for Marion and Virginia Harper's divorce, in the end Virginia got possession of the castle on East Lake Drive. As for the ranch, it got split in two. The smaller parcel, about 30 acres south of the highway where the bunkhouse was (and still is), was given to Virginia. She renamed that ranch Indian Field Ranch. But

Marion got to keep everything north of the highway, which included the historic Third House—which had been used as the dining hall for his dude ranch and as the ranch headquarters—and about 1,100 acres, much of it waterfront on the bay side. That remained as Deep Hollow Ranch until about the 1970s, when long after all four participants in this passion play were gone, it was sold to the county, and became a state park. Meanwhile, across the street, the Indian Field Ranch came to be owned by the Dickinson family. It continues on today in private ownership.

Now here's the plot of *The Affair* on Showtime. And I won't spoil it for you.

The ranch—all they seemed to do was change the sign out front when they filmed it—is owned by a wealthy widow who has four sons, now grown. You get to meet them all at family get togethers at the ranch. There is not much money other than the tens of millions that the ranch is worth—the kids will get it as an inheritance—so the kids shift for themselves. One of them is married to a local Montauk girl, Alison Lockhart (played by actress Ruth Wilson), who works as a waitress at the Lobster Roll restaurant (popularly known as Lunch). This couple is not getting along.

There are scenes shot on Cranberry Hole Road in Napeague, down at the fishing docks at Montauk Harbor and at a beachside nightclub.

Into town for the summer comes a handsome fortyish man named Noah Solloway, played by Dominic West. He is a New York City schoolteacher summering out east with his wife and four kids, writing a novel. He is supposedly at work on the book most of the day, but in reality he's suffering from writer's block. And he just kicks around.

One day, at the Lobster Roll, he espies the waitress. She notices him, too. After a second encounter on the beach, she invites him back to her little house on the ocean and that affair begins.

The trouble is that the writer is also married. And he and his wife have four kids. They are all living in a summer house owned by the wife's wealthy parents. But there are problems, most of which come from the fact that the family is basically leeching off her parents and Noah feels inadequate.

There are scenes shot on Cranberry Hole Road in Napeague, down at the fishing docks at Montauk Harbor and at a beachside nightclub called "The End" on the show, which, I believe, is one of the refurbished motels in downtown Montauk that, at night, really rocks. The waitress and the writer can't keep their hands off each other.

I promised you I wouldn't spoil this. So I'm not going to. Maybe we'll just have to wait for the new season. But the creators of this series, Sarah Treem and Hagai Levi, also writers on the show, know all about Montauk and how easy it is for romance to blossom there.

As they say, everything changes, but it just remains the same.





Look Out!

The Town's "Fall Radius" Law Protects Citizens from Things Falling on Them

BY DAN RATTINER

ast month AT&T appeared at a Town Planning Board meeting in East Hampton to discuss their application to build a 120-foot-tall cellphone tower in Napeague.

The town was not happy about the proposed shingles that would go on a storage shed AT&T would build next door to the tower. Vinyl shingles are not appropriate for East Hampton Town said Councilperson Weir. The board was also not happy about something they called the "fall radius" of the tower. Ever hear of a "fall radius?"

Reed Jones, the chairman of the planning board, referring to the fall radius if the tower keeled over, said, "How are people supposed to get out of town?'

The concept the applicant must deal with for a new project such as a telephone tower is, you take the height of the tower, pretend it is going to fall over, and then move the pretend fallen tower in a circle, with the base as its center and its tip as the outer point, and drag it around. The circular line made at the tip defines the "fall zone" within. You don't want to be in there when the tower falls. And the board can make a judgment about it.

I hope that explains it.

Who comes up with these things? A tall tree has a fall radius. They occasionally fall across a road in a storm. And when that happens, the the packet of seeds you plant to grow a tree to

traffic stops and the authorities come in and remove it. It happens. I've seen pictures of trees that fell across Main Street in the Hurricane of

But when is the last time you ever heard of a tower falling over in the Hamptons? We build them strong. In the Hurricane of '38, both of the two 300-foot-tall Mackie Radio Towers in Napeague fell over. But they got rebuilt the following year. Most people are not old enough to remember that. They think there is only one Mackie Radio Tower. And that is true today, but half a century after the two towers got rebuilt, it was found that one leaned a bit, so they tore it down before it could crash down.

By the way, these towers had originally been built to send Morse code messages by radio to ships at sea. They did not build two in case one fell. They built two because they had to string a light antenna wire high up between the two. You needed that for radio transmission in those days. Also, by the way, when the towers did fall during the hurricane, they harmed no one, just sploshed down into some wetlands.

Wait a minute! There were wetlands that got smooshed because of a "fall radius" object that fell down over it? Were crabs and bugs injured? Yes, truth be told.

I think "fall radius" is a wonderful concept. We should have laws about trees and their "fall radius." The fall radius should be printed on

Who comes up with these things? A tree has a fall radius. They occasionally fall across a road in a storm, and the traffic stops.

show just how big that tree is going to be so those of us here in the future can deal with that possibility.

And people should have a "fall radius." People fall all the time. The fall radius should be right there on your driver's license, under where it says you are willing to donate an organ if the circumstances are favorable.

I am planning on a new app for my cellphone. You can make a million if you make a new app. I call it the "seagull app." If you see a seagull flying around overhead, tap the app. The app will calculate the height the seagull is above ground, and the strength and direction of the wind, and then it will determine the seagull's fall radius, so you know where you shouldn't be in the event the seagull poops.

As for the tower in Napeague, the planning department proposes that the cellphone tower be put on the roof of the building that houses Goldberg's Bagels on that property. But it would have to be enclosed in a steeple. It could be Our Lady of the Bagels.

Bonackers Have a New Home on North Main Street

BY STACY DERMONT

The 18th-century saltbox home on the corner of North Main and Cedar Streets in East Hampton is cozy and welcoming and about a dozen families live in it.

The former home of Selah Lester now houses beloved artifacts and photographs from the Bennett, Carpenter, Dominy, King, Lester, Miller, Strong, Talmage families and others. It's the site of the new East Hampton Historical Farm Museum (EHHFM), an interactive learning center and park that celebrates Bonac culture. True Bonacker families are descendants of early English settlers who made their homes in the Springs area of East Hampton—the term "Bonacker" is derived from "Accabonac Harbor."

Contrary to popular believe, not all Bonackers were fishermen. Many kept farms and did daywork "upstreet." Barter was often the common currency, working in exchange for goods or trading what you have with your neighbor—for example, fresh vegetables for clams, timber for furniture.

With support from East Hampton Town, private donations and a whole lot of elbow grease, a crew of committed volunteers has thrown the museum's doors wide open and invited the public in to see firsthand how local farmers and blue collar workers lived in East Hampton in the period from 1880 to 1920. In fact, the group is planning to stage an exhibition in 2015 depicting how locals were

long paid a living wage to provide services to "the big houses" during the summer months. As volunteer Prudence Carabine says, "When I was young the term 'Bonacker' was not a good one. Now people pay millions [for real estate] in order to be 'Bonackers!'"

The interior is set up to house seven children, just as the building once did in the 19th century. Wood stoves, crocks, toys, clothing, a metal bathtub and an icebox, among other home goods, help to tell the tale. Many of the items are on loan from the East Hampton Historical Society (easthamptonhistory.org) and others were donated to the museum.

The group is planning to welcome school groups in 2015 and to hold many interactive events, including a garlic planting. The three-acre site now includes a small organic garden, planted by Alex Balsam of the East End Community Organic (EECO) Farm.

The museum lot is referred to as a "mill lot" because the famous Dominy sawmill stood there—near the large trees along North Main Street. According to the museum website, "The history of ownership goes back to 1700 when the land was a town common...Through a series of events, including the conveyance of the land by the Town Trustees to a private individual, a lawsuit settled in 1861 and the abandonment and annexation of parts of Three Mile Harbor Highway (now a section of North Main Street) and Cedar Street, the land was in possession of Sybel Dominy who sold it to Selah Lester for \$300 in 1874...In 1929, Thomas Edwards wrote



Volunteers Mary Bennett, Prudence Carabine, Jacques Peltier

in his Reminiscences of Old East Hampton by the Sea that a house in Amagansett on Old Montauk Highway was moved to North Main Street in East Hampton. The house was owned by David Barnes, who had inherited it from his father Jonathan. David Barnes sold the house to Selah Lester who moved it in the winter of 1874-75... The architecture of the Jonathan Barnes-Selah Lester house is nearly identical to Miss Amelia's Cottage, an Amagansett Cape Cod style. Miss Amelia's dates from about 1725 and it is believed that the Jonathan Barnes house is of the same period."

How appropriate that this new public endeavor, fueled by donations from across the local community, is sited on land that was once a town commons. Be sure to check it out in 2015!



















The East Hampton Historical Farm Museum is all set for for its first full year of programming in 2015! easthamptonhistoricfarm.org

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Secret World of Matt: Vet, Ferry Captain, Toy Photographer

BY OLIVER PETERSON

Matt Rohde is a familiar face to most Shelter Islanders. He's a captain on the South Ferry, he's spoken publicly as a proud Gulf War veteran and has lent his skill with a camera to local newspapers and events. But for all he brings to the community, Rohde's greatest talent remains unknown to most of his Island neighbors.

Three years ago, the 46-year-old ferry captain began taking pictures of his large toy collection and posting them online under the screen name x_captain_kaos_x. In that time, he's become a bona fide sensation with a fan base more than four times the size of Shelter Island's total population (according to the 2010 census).

Part of a large community of toy photographers on Instagram, Rohde's pictures featuring *Star Wars* battle droids and stormtroopers, famous action movie stars, Universal monsters, zombies, aliens, dinosaurs, Marvel superheroes and one incredibly verbose and devious skeleton immediately stand out for their superb technical quality, imaginative content and often laugh-out-loud captions.

"I'm a big nerd at heart," Rohde admits, recalling that he fell in love with the *Star Wars* films as a kid and never grew out of it. His passion for *Star Wars* toys also never really waned, the former Army staff sergeant and M1 Abrahams tank commander says, noting that he snapped pictures of his action figures as a boy and then took it up again after moving to

Shelter Island as an adult. "It goes way back."

Rohde shot a lot of landscape photography before deciding to put his toys in front of the lens, and he now applies those skills to his new, less conventional subjects. "I started messing around, taking pictures with my cellphone camera," Rohde says of his first toy photos, though he now uses a high-end Nikon DSLR camera and retouches pictures in Photoshop before presenting them to his nearly 6,500 Instagram followers.

The photographer says he shoots often, and he always keeps an eye out for new locations and toys. "I shoot in the backyard all the time," Rohde says, though he has several favorite photo spots, including a secluded and rocky Shelter Island beach. "I go out of my way to make sure there's no real life in my pictures," he says. Rohde also keeps his angles low and plays with depth of field to create more immersive and believable pictures.

"Everywhere we go, I'm looking," he says.

During a recent trip to the Mohegan Sun casino, Rohde was so inspired by certain surfaces that he took out two Lego stormtroopers and photographed them on a railing and then lay on his belly in front of everyone and shot them on the floor. "I didn't care—I had to get the shot." Besides, he says, the most curious onlookers saw his pictures and they were impressed.

While it's easy to see how some could find Rohde's hobby strange, his photographs usually put an end to any odd looks or questions.

Rohde's wife, Shelley, also appreciates what



Photographer and ferry captain Matt Rohde

he does and almost always accompanies him to shoot. "I help out where needed," she says, describing herself as a sort of "prop master." She often ends up holding toys aloft on wires, tossing sand and creating different weather and atmospheric effects that would be impossible for Rohde to manage from behind the camera. "He has a very vivid imagination," she adds.

"She's been incredibly supportive with what I do," Rohde says. His wife even helps him seek out new figures that will eventually be added to his motley cast of characters, each with its own name and persona—far beyond any character the toy was designed to represent.

Now that Rohde's star is shining more brightly on Instagram, and he sees how much people enjoy his pictures, the photographer hopes to take his work to the next level. "I would love to do something with it other than just put it on Instagram," Rohde says. "If I could make money off of doing this, because I love it so much, that would be the ultimate."

















Sleigh (Continued from page 52)

to be over the southern sky at that time, heading off to Siberia, which would be their first stop. They didn't jingle however, because the harnesses had to be made supersized for each elephant and there just hadn't been time to sew in the bells.

Twelve hours later, they were back, appearing in the sunny winter sky over the runway, where they circled around and made a clumsy, awkward sort of Perils of Pauline landing that seemed even more miraculous, after which the elephants staggered to a halt.

Honk!!! bellowed the elephants. The elf walked over with the clipboard and wrote down the report as Santa dictated.

"Got the job done, but just barely. In North Korea, they landed on the roof of what turned out to be a barn, and the whole thing collapsed in a crash and we had to get out of there, covered with hay, fast. One of the elephants bailed out over Pakistan. Nagesh. Said she had had enough and wanted to get back to India, where she was revered. Nobody noticed, but we got back here with just seven. So it was a so-so trip."

The fourth year, it was the turn of the eight camels from Egypt. They were a stubborn lot, or at least they seemed so as they pulled and spit as their handlers tried to line them up at the head of the sleigh. Once in place, however, they behaved better than any animals that had come before, just pawing the ground and looking out as if they were eager to get the job done. Or something. Santa and his lead



elf climbed into the sleigh and Santa had to crack his whip just once—the camels didn't even flinch—and he shouted out their names: "On Cleopatra, on Ahhotep, on Akila, on Mosi, on Nefret, on Haji, on Seti on Odion," and off they went down the runway at a slow leisurely walk, and then they came to a halt. This wasn't getting them anywhere.

With that, one of the handlers turned them around, walked them back to the starting line and there, after consulting with the other handlers, put a piece of steak on a stick, and then stuck the stick out of the harness in front of the two lead camels and up high about a foot, and then Santa shouted "Hay-yah!" as one of the handlers instructed, and off they went a second time. And this time, with the steak in front, the camels somehow got themselves off

the ground. Nobody knew how they did it. They weren't wiggling their little ears or swishing their tails or anything. It was another miracle, but there they were, off, their bells jingling, heading off to the south, toward Finland, which would be their first stop.

Twelve hours later, they were all back. Santa was tired from going up and down the chimneys once again, but the camels were ready to go off chasing that steak a second time if asked. Indeed, they stamped their hooves on the ground, straining to be let off after it again. They'd get it yet.

Santa dictated his report.

"Did what I told them to do," he said. "But there was no cheerfulness in it. Just a job. We need some animals that care. I don't think it's camels."

The next year was the fifth and next to last year. And up to the plate strode the six giraffes from South Africa, their heads held high, looking eager to go. Santa and his chief elf climbed in the back and Santa called out their names.

"On Shandu, on Sekgdokhane, on Janet, on Charlize, on Imani, on Nelson, on Tau on Ntsumi."

And all the giraffes turned their heads to look back and down at Santa. What was it he wanted?

"I want you to turn around and head off!!" he shouted.

But they did no such thing. And so Santa cracked his whip in the air and that did it. Off they went, their necks and heads forward, their ropey tails out straight (Continued on page 68)

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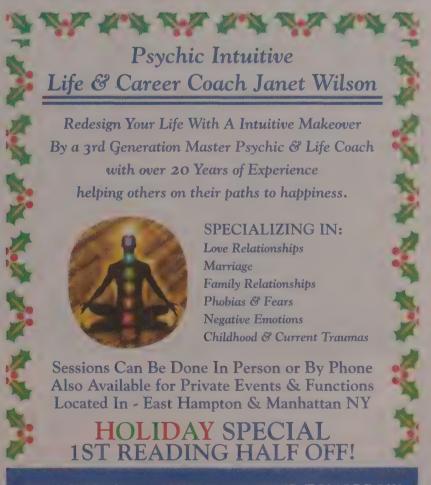
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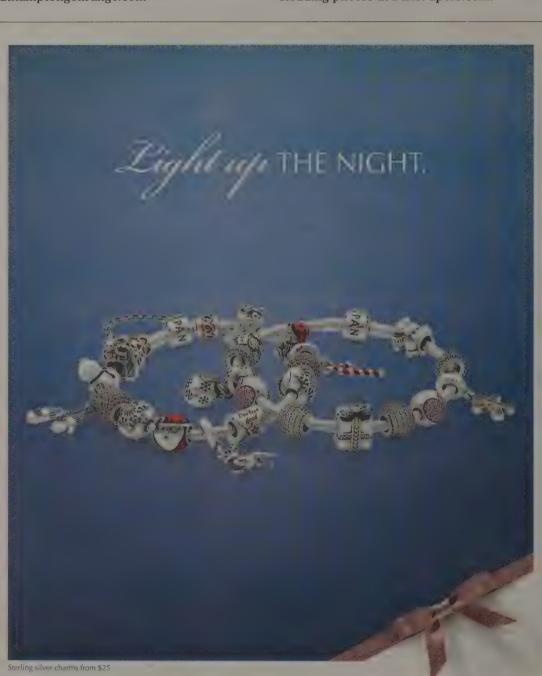
H oliday break is the perfect time to explore both forks for fun activites for kids and the kid in all of us.

Skate Expectations

Ice skating is the perfect wintertime treat. Three favorite spots are East Hampton's Buckskill Winter Club (where you'll find the only refrigerated, NHL regulation-sized ice rink in the Hamptons), the Mitchell Park Ice Skating Rink in Greenport—especially at sunset—and the ice rink at Southampton Golf Range, back for its second winter of public skating and hockey. More info at buckskillwinterclub, villageofgreenport.org, southamptongolfrange.com

Where to Head When It's Time to Sled

Don't wait until the first serious snowfall to beging thinking about where to sled. Knowing where to go sledding on the East End is something akin to folklore, valued information passed from generation to generation. Our readers rave about such spots as Reeves Beach in Riverhead, but find even more joy in the wonderful irony for young and old alike of going to school on a snow day. Take your toboggans and tubes and saucers and head to the elementary schools of East Quogue and Westhampton Beach, Pierson High School in Sag Harbor or across the street from Mattituck High School on the North Fork. Share your sledding photos at DansPapers.com.





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Starry, Starry Nights

Crisp, clear winter nights on the East End make for some incredible stargazing, and few spots indulge everyone's interstellar interests like the Custer Institute and Observatory in Southold. Long Island's oldest public observatory (established in 1927), the Custer Institute offers frequent lectures, classes, concerts, art exhibits and other special events, but the real fun comes when they open to the public every Saturday evening from dark until midnight, when you can get a tour of the facilities and see the night sky through their powerful telescopes. More info at custerobservatory.org

Head to the End...No, the Other End

You'll surely head to The End to see the Montauk Lighthouse all lit up for the holidays, but there's also wintertime wonder to be found at the end of the North Fork as well. Bundle up and head to Orient State Park, where an outdoor adventure includes beachcombing, taking in views of Gardiners Island and relaxing in the serenity of the season. More info at nysparks.com

More family fun awaits at DansPapers.com.

Where to Give in the Hamptons This Holiday Season

BY BRENDAN J. O'REILLY

In this season of giving, lend a hand to those in need both locally and globally. East End nonprofits and businesses are collecting donations of food, clothing, toys and more during the holidays and, in many cases, year round. Here are a few helpful tips:

Call ahead to ensure staff or volunteers will be available to accept your donation. Items should never be left outside a pantry or shop, as they will be vulnerable to rain and theft. Clothing bins can be found at transfer stations, the Bridgehampton Commons and the Macy's parking lot in Hampton Bays.

The Max Cure Foundation is seeking used sneaker and tennis shoes for the Dunk Your Kicks campaign. Drop off sneakers at Lululemon Athletica, 35 Main Street, East Hampton. Donations will be shipped to developing nations. Call 631-324-4192.

Toys for Tots is accepting donations through December 21. Drop-off locations include Page at 63 Main in Sag Harbor, Vineyard Vines, Southampton Inn and Uncle Bob's Self Storage in Southampton Village, Matz-Rightway in Hampton Bays, Suffolk Theater in Riverhead and Lexus of Southampton on County Road 39.

South Fork Natural History Museum is holding its inaugural holiday toy drive. Drop off new and gently used unwrapped toys for

children, from infants through early teens, by the end of the day on December 19. The First Church of God in Christ, The Bridgehampton Child Care & Recreational Center, and the First Baptist Church of Bridgehampton will distribute the toys to children in the community. SoFo is located at 377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike in Bridgehampton. Call 631-537-9735.

The Bridgehampton Food Pantry at St. Ann's Episcopal Church, 24-63 Main Street, Bridgehampton, is open Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 631-537-1527.

The Sag Harbor Community Food Pantry, in the basement of the Old Whalers Church, 44 Union Street, Sag Harbor, accepts donations of fresh and nonperishable food on Tuesdays. Call 631-725-0437 or email bigracefans@gmail.com.

Human Resources of the Hamptons provides food, clothing, toiletries, toys, school supplies and more to families in need in Southampton. Call 631-283-6415 to arrange a drop-off. Human Resources is at 168, Hill Street, Southampton.

The Retreat, a nonprofit that provides shelter and services to victims of domestic violence, operates a thrift store, The Retreat Boutique, in the Bridgehampton Commons at 2102 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. The shop accepts donations of seasonal designer clothing, high-quality housewares, artwork, lamps and furniture. Books are limited to art books and

coffee table size. Call 631-537-3845 to arrange a drop-off. The Retreat will come pick up furniture donations. Send a description and photos of the furniture to boutique@theretreatinc.org, and provide the pickup location. The Retreat also accepts baby and children's items and gently used suitcases for the families it serves. Call 631-329-4398 to make a donation and to learn of other items on The Retreat's wish list.

The East Hampton Food Pantry, 219-50 Accabonac Road, East Hampton, provides assistance to 250–300 local families each week. The pantry is open Tuesdays from 2 to 6 p.m. Call 631-324-2300 to arrange a donations. Make a monetary contribution at easthamptonfoodpantry.org, or help support them in the January 1 Polar Bear Plunge at Main Beach. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. and the plunge begins at 1 p.m.

The Hampton Bays Food Pantry at St. Rosalie's Church, 31 East Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays, accepts nonperishable food items. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., expect Wednesdays, when the pantry closes at 1 p.m. Call 631-728-9461.

Southampton Hospital Thrift Shop, which raises money for the nonprofit hospital, accepts donations on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 40 West Main Street, Southampton Village. Call 631-204-0526.





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Yorkers as "The Waxman," this yearly fête is considered to be among the top fundraising events in New York City, attended by more than 1,200 corporate executives, board members, and their guests. In recent years, The Waxman has raised millions of dollars to support the Foundation's research efforts to produce a cure for cancer. Past celebrity performers have included Train, Peter Frampton, Gregg Allman, Kid Rock, Steely Dan, Glenn Frey, Joe Walsh, Sheryl Crow, John Fogerty, and Counting Crows. Chris Wragge, co-anchor of CBS 2 News This Morning, hosted the evening this year.

Beth Stern hosted the Bash for the Bulldogs 15th Anniversary to benefit the Long Island Bulldog Rescue (LIBR) on December 2. Emmy award-winning personality Greenleaf emcee'd and Law Order SVU's Ice T, with his wife. Coco Austin (E!'s Ice Loves Coco), attended with their Beth Stern



attended with their Beth Stern beloved buildogs **Maximus** and **Spartacus**.

Southampton-based cover artist Mickey Pareskevas graces us with yet another fabulous holiday cover. This time, the Christmas Tree is adorned with the artists' iconic characterssee if you can name them. Here's a clue: Pareskevas is the illustrator and originator of comic strip Green Monkeys, the animated series Maggie and the Ferocious Beast, Marvin the Tap Dancing Horse and The Kids from Room 402, as well as over 20 children's books. Not to mention his latest endeavor, Lili and Derek (lilianderek.com), which he writes with his wife. Aside from his weekly appearance in Dan's Papers, Michael's illustration work has appeared in Time, Sports Illustrated, Newsweek, Town and Country, Esquire, The Washington Post, and The New York Times.

Sag Harbor's greatest living puppeteer, Liz Joyce, stopped by the *Dan's Papers* offices in Southampton last week for a tour. Ideas for a puppet show to be performed among our half-walls were floated. Joyce was left to contemplate what an "adults only" puppet show might involve...

Read more South O' on DansPapers.com.

Keeping Holiday Shopping Ultra Local

BY STACY DERMONT



I recently hit some fabu crafts sales—but be of good cheer, there are more to come!

For the last 10 years I've sold my handmade goods, pies and jams at a local church's annual St. Nicholas Fair. I prep for it all year because when I was

a little one I took the message "keep Christmas in your heart all year"...to heart.

This year that church downsized its event and did not welcome any vendors. I only found this out last month so I really didn't have time to look into other options.

The "silver-lined pig's ear" here is that in going out to see other sales I picked up some super cool loot and met some fascinating people.

My first stop was the Hayground School's annual market. Their gym was full of vendorsprepared foods, jewelry, crafts, books, vintage clothing. Sagaponack organic farmer Marilee Foster was there selling her produce and potato chips. Hayground administrator and gardener Jon Snow sidled up to Foster's table and, in eavesdropping on their conversation, I learned more than I'd ever known there was to know about heirloom beans. I was impressed by some of the jewelry on offerparticularly Corinne Lavinio's lockets (etsy. com/shop/EastEndLight). I bought one that features a crow watching the sun set-I think that's what he's doing in there. Shelter Island's Mirinda Page uses stones that she finds on local beaches to make what I call "elemental statement pieces." I'll definitely buy some of her work—I just couldn't choose which ones on the spot. (etsy.com/shop/MimiPageJewelry)

I also bought an anklet made by organically raised hippie children for our "View from the Garden" columnist Jeanelle Myers, who had a knee replaced last week. It seems like a synergistic thing to have a new anklet to wear with a new knee.

I also visited the Bridgehampton Historical Society. They were doing craft demos. I didn't see the event advertised anywhere but Jeanelle Myers was demonstrating quilting and invited me to check it out. While there I met decoy artist Capt. A. J. Combs from Southold. His work is both primitive and realistic. He calls making loads of tiny ducks his "group therapy." (631-316-1069)

I also met a quilter there who owns and operates a quilting machine, which allows her to finish quilts quickly. I ran home, grabbed lunch and an old quilt top I'd bought at an estate sale, and headed back. Janet from Farmhouse Quilt Company told me that the quilt top I thought was from the '60s was most likely from the '30s and she'd be delighted to quilt it. Did she want a deposit? "No! This is your deposit!" she said—meaning that she'd happily keep my quilt if I failed to pick it up. That was a deal. She said, with evident disappointment in her voice, that none of her clients ever fail to pick up their quilts. (631-236-6030)

I met Ted Hubbard at the 4th annual Friends Bazaar at Ashawagh Hall in Springs. Hubbard, who lives in Montauk, hand carves one-of-a-kind spoons from local hardwoods. They're perfect for the cook on your list. I bought one for my mom and one for my stepmom. The two spoons are as different and as interesting as they are. (631-566-7667)

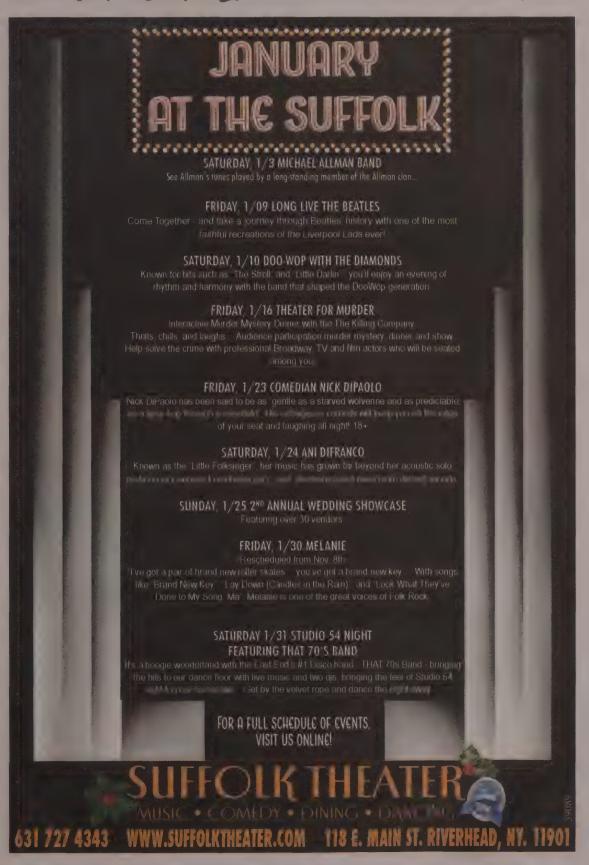
Hit the gift trail yourself this weekend: On Saturday, December 20, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., check out the 50-vendor-strong "Holiday Market" at the Topping Rose House in Bridgehampton. Look for mucho farmers, artisans and food purveyors. (toppingrosehouse.com)

On Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., visit the Bridgehampton Historical Society's Holiday Gift Show featuring the work of local artisans at the Bridgehampton Archives, 2539A Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton.



Vintage quilts assembeled by Jeanelle Myers

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Sleigh (Continued from page 62)

behind them, their bells jingling, charging down the runway at a trot and then a canter and then a full gallop until, wow, there they went, up in the air and off.

"Whoooie!!" shouted Santa. It was like with the elephants. He had just not seen how they had done that either. But he didn't care. Now he would try to see if he could get the giraffes' heads and necks to bob up and down in unison, like tall grass in a breeze, and just when he thought that thought, they did that. So he thought something else. Make a banked turn 30 degrees to the left. And they did that, too. They worked by thought control. First stop, the capital of Greenland, the town of Nuuk.

"Whooie!" Santa shouted again.

In the back seat, the chief elf put his hands over his eyes.

Twelve hours later, Santa was back. The giraffes were a bit confused and out of sync with one another, but they made a reasonably good landing considering all they had been through.

An elf walked over with the clipboard and wrote down the report as Santa spoke.

"Got the job done faster than you might have expected," he said, "but the giraffes stopped twice, once in San Juan and once in Kyoto, Japan, to just silently gossip with one another. I don't know how they did that, but they did it and they wouldn't listen to me at all until they were done, about an hour each time. And besides that, no offense intended, they just

looked very funny there up front. Don't think these will do."

At this point, there was just one entrant to go, and there on the runway, the chief elf called over some other elves and listened to Santa for a while, and then the elf who had organized the competition said if necessary they had crocodiles from Brazil they could call in, and some slithery snakes from Saudi Arabia, too, but Santa said, well, maybe we'll wait and give this last entry a try, though I can't imagine they are any good if these others aren't. Who decided on these entries, anyway?

The last entry was the deer from Long Island, North America. The United States hadn't been invented at that time, so the entry had just come from one of the few parts of the place that had been settled, which was the East End, and there was one deer from each of the eight towns, the best from each, from Montauk, East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Southampton, Greenport, Westhampton Beach, Southold and Shelter Island. These deer were cute and graceful, and they had black noses and long eyelashes. They were the last entry chosen, having beaten out the crocodiles from Brazil by one point.

The elves, when they saw the deer for the first time, took to calling them Reindeer, because, they had been told, erroneously, that it rained a great deal on Long Island.

Well, I don't have to tell you what happened. There they were, prancing in unison, all lined up in their two rows inside their barn, and out they came all together in a lockstep march to their places in front of the sleigh. And when they got there, they snorted and stamped their feet, and then they themselves, without any help, hooked themselves up to the front of the sleigh—how about that—and then a NINTH deer trotted over. He was slightly bigger than the others and he had a shiny red nose that glowed, a great rack of antlers and the most beautiful sleigh bells that Santa had ever seen around his neck.

"Did we make those here?" Santa asked, leaning over to talk to the chief elf in the back.

"Not that I know," came the reply.

And so Santa leaned forward, cracked his whip in the air and shouted their names.

"On Donner, on Blitzen, on Dasher, on Dancer, on Prancer, on Vixen, on Comet and Cupid!!!"

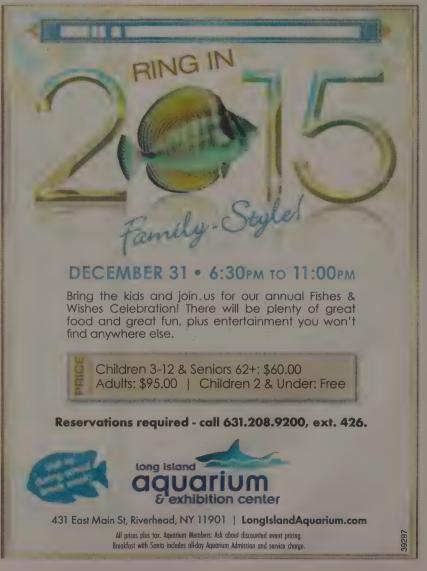
And whoosh, off they went in a big graceful blur down the runway, their ears back, their eyes front, the fastest takeoff in the shortest time of any of the others in the whole six years, even considering all the practice sessions.

Now they were high in the sky.

Where's our first stop? Santa wondered. He was so excited. He couldn't remember. Well, the reindeer would know. And so he sat back in his seat, smiled, took out a thermos of hot chocolate Mrs. Claus had prepared for him, and took a sip.

"Merry Christmas," Santa shouted out to all the stars in the night sky. "And to all, a good night!!!"





Christmas Memories with Michael Paraskevas

BY STEPHANIE DE TROY



This week, cover artist and illustrator extraordinaire Michael Paraskevas shares his fondest Christmas memories, love for his wonderfully talented and warmhearted mother, Betty, as well as a recent joy in his life.

The holiday season is filled with nostalgia—what's your favorite Christmastime memory?

I remember one Christmas about 20 years ago. My mother Betty loved this time of year. She didn't really like getting gifts. She liked buying them for all of us, so we, (my father, my twin sister, and myself) usually ended up with tons of sweaters, toys and gizmos to last a lifetime. My mother always bought me toys. Even as an adult. She knew I loved them. I still have them. Toy soldiers, wind-ups, Steiff bears, toy cars...you name it she got it for me.

One of the little toys is sitting under our tree this year. Well, Betty and I took our usual ride on Christmas Eve afternoon to have lunch. We usually ended up in East Hampton. We stopped for a bowl of soup on Newtown Lane and walked around the corner to the Polo Store. Kyle, a clerk who everyone knew, was working there. So, I walked in with Betty, I always called her "Betty," and I shouted, "Hey, Kyle. Merry Christmas!" Kyle laughed and smiled and said he'd be with us in a minute, after he took care of a customer that was standing in front of him. The man turned around to see who the loudmouth was that interrupted his shopping on Christmas Eve. He was Steven Spielberg with Kate Capshaw!

I looked at Mr. Spielberg and was just so shocked it was he. What was I going to say to the man that directed THE greatest movie of all time....laws?

My God, I thought, it's HIM. Here's my big chance to say something clever. You know what I said? I said, "Oh. It's you." I turned around and looked at sweaters. My mother laughed.

Then we bumped into Billy Joel. This was before he bought a painting from me. He was shopping with Christie Brinkley and they had a bundle of presents in many shopping bags. I didn't say anything to him either. I should have, but at least I got to talk to him years later when he came to my gallery show. He's a very nice guy.

I have a long list of people I should have said something to. I once walked past Bob Fosse. He was hacking his way down the street into a bookstore in Westhampton Beach. He was dressed in his signature black pants, black boots, black shirt. He coughed and coughed. I wanted to tell him how much I loved *All That Jazz*. I didn't.

Anyway...I seem to have strayed from the subject. I loved my mom. We worked on 23 books together—all of them a joy to create. We laughed and complained about all the big publishers and some of the people we dealt with over the years. The arts are a strange business and if you don't keep your wits about you...well, it can really get you down. We had

each other and we told a lot of people off. We gave each other encouragement over the years. I'm a better writer now because of my work with Betty. I miss her every day, but especially at Christmas since she loved decorating the house and shopping for us.

One year my dad and I gave her a Junior Kroll neon sign we had made up at a local sign company. She was stunned. It's still hanging here. *Junior Kroll* was one of her greatest books and projects. Junior's story



poems were written with love and feeling and were very close to her heart. Like I said, I miss her voice.

What would you ask for if you were writing a letter to Santa?

He's much too busy to bother with the likes of me. I'm not even sure if I've been good all year. I have everything I want. I got married this year so that's more than enough for me for the rest of my life to be thankful for.



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Enjoy the Outdoors This Holiday Season

BY KELLY LAFFEY



The winter solstice is on December 21, the sun sets well before 4:30 p.m., and the Hamptons will be thrown into darkness for the longest time all year. Though the short days, long nights and howling winds of a Hamptons winter can take their toll on even the most ambitious

optimists, there is a tranquility in being Out East year-round. And with the right gear, a little creativity—and perhaps a motivational

February beach trip—winter can be enjoyable for the outdoor enthusiast. (At least, it can keep you content until the summer returns.)

Winter doesn't have to signal an end to water workouts. Most surfers will tell you that the waves are better this time of year, as nor'easters bring bigger swells than a balmy summer day.

Though winter surfing is only for the experienced and those who have invested in the proper gear, standup paddleboarding offers a more accessible way to get a salt-water fix.

"It's a great workout," says Cherryl Bradley of Adventure Paddleboards. "And if people are willing to put on warm clothes and slide down mountains, why not go on the water?"



Coopers Beach, Southampton

The key to successfully paddling in the winter is having the right outerwear. Though experienced paddleboarders who go on calm bays will not be subjected to the cold water as much as a surfer is in the ocean, a wetsuit is recommended. In addition to protecting paddlers if they fall in, wetsuits are also very effective at blocking the wind.

Bradley will be leading paddleboarding adventures by appointment this winter, mostly staying on the North Fork. "It's very peaceful and tranquil," she says of winter paddling, which is made even more picturesque with a light snowfall and the possibility of a seal sighting.

When paddling on the South Fork, check out Moriches Bay and Shinnecock Bay, which are particularly popular with seals and other wildlife during the wintertime. (If you see a marine mammal in distress, particularly a cold-stunned sea turtle, call the Riverhead Foundation's 24-hour hotline at 631-369-9829.)

If dry land is more your speed, cross-country skiing is winter's cardio workout. For those who have their own gear, the many state parks and hiking trails on the East End, specifically Camp Hero State Park, Shadmoor State Park, Montauk State Park and Hither Hills State Park, all in Montauk, have hiking trails that double as cross-country skiing locations.

Further west, the Quogue Wildlife Refuge has seven miles of trails, and members are given free use of snowshoes and cross-country skis. For more information, and to join, visit quoguewildliferefuge.org.

Alternatively, explore the natural environment on foot with the Southampton Trails Preservation Society (southamptontrails.org) and East Hampton Trails Preservation Society (ehtps.org). Both continue to lead hikes through the winter.

The East End is also an ideal place to hone skating skills. For a "natural" experience, check out frozen Old Town Pond in Southampton and Town Pond in East Hampton. Those in search of a smoother glide can head to Buckskill Winter Club (buckskillwinter club.com) in East Hampton, the ice rink in Greenport's Mitchell Park (greenportvillage.com) and the rink at Southampton Golf Range on County Road 39. If temps are particularly frigid, Mecox Bay in Water Mill will freeze over and the iceboats will come out for spectators' enjoyment.

In the middle of having fun this winter, remember that days start getting longer after December 21, giving extended daylight to ambitious winter outdoorsmen and rays of hope to East End summer dreamers.



Lois Wright - TV Host, Author and Artist



The L.I. Duck Farm Exhibit & Museum with "Roxy the Duck" in costume

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DAN'S GOES TO...

Winter Arts & Crafts Festival at the Shinnecock Museum

The Winter Arts & Crafts Festival was held Saturday at the Shinnecock Nation Cultural Center and Museum, on Montauk Highway in Southampton, displaying beautiful Native American handicraft, much of which was offered by the artists themselves, situated among the museum's many other exhibits. **Photographs by Daniel Gonzalez**













- 1. Museum director David Martine
- 2. Museum site manager Mataugus Tarrant
- 3. Elizabeth Thunderbird Haile, a Shinnecock elder
- 4. 4-year-old Suki helps her mother, Tohanash Tarrant
- 5. Kayla Looking Horse Smith
- 6. John Running Deer Eleazer, a prophet, mapmaker and maker of elegant jewelry

Human Resources Polar Bear Plunge

Saturday morning at Coopers Beach in Southampton Village, with the air temp at 39° and the water at 47°, brave souls gathered for the annual Polar Bear Plunge. The event raised seasonal spirits and funds for Human Resources of the Hamptons, dedicated to bringing hope and lending a helping hand to those in need.

Photographs by Daniel Gonzalez

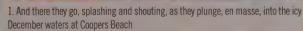












Perched on a dune above the beach, the North Sea Fire Department's Andrew and Mark McClain, with Erik Follendorf and Ben Foster, man the starting cannon, awaiting the big moment for the plunge to begin

3. Southampton Town Justice **Barbara Wilson** and her daughter showing their support for the community and Human Resources of the Hamptons

4. The Southampton Fire Department had Lt. **Alfred Callahan**, **Patrick Terry**, **Eric Halsey**, and **Mike Aldrich** on hand in case of any emergencies

5. Winners of the Best Group award, Southampton Village Mayor Mark Epley and the Epley family — Zack, Mark, Brittany and Nick (pictured from left), who took the Yellow Brick Road to this year's Polar Bear Plunge

 Defying the seasonal temps by looking as if he were on some Caribbean beach, Montauk's Anthony Sosdinski heads for the water

7. It's Batman **Brian Mott** with the 1st place winner for best costume and not-so-little mermaid **Jimmy Mack**





NORTH FORK EVENTS

So much to see and do this weekend!

WINERIES Drink in the whole North Fork!

Long Ireland: World-Class Beer on the East End

BY EMMETT HAQ

The next time you're in Riverhead and feel a powerful thirst for good beer, take a trip through the wood-paneled, pet-friendly tasting room at Long Ireland Beer Company-you won't be sorry. Long Ireland represents the innovation, hard work and good taste of Dan Burke and Greg Martin, who have been brewing beer together since 2009. LIB is a farm brewery—meaning a large portion of its hops and other ingredients come from New York State farms—and boasts a huge range of brews available for tasting. They distribute bottled beer far and wide through Clare Rose Distributors.

Guided by vivacious and knowledgeable bartender Cassandra Dotzel, I began my tasting extravaganza with the Long Ireland Saison, opting for a light start to the afternoon. (The tasting room generally provides customers with six tokens, with which they can choose whichever brews they like. I had a bit more freedom in my sampling, but even so, I wasn't able to try everything they had to offer-there was that much variety.) This ale, a collaboration with Northport's Blind Bat Brewery, proved to be mild-a little too mild for me, in fact-despite its brief white-pepper aftertaste. Long Ireland was quickly redeemed by the next beer, a refreshingly crisp, clean Kolsch.

The Double IPA, to no one's surprise, was powerfully hoppy, but left a lingering malty sweetness that made it worthy of another glass. Next, I tried the Whiskey Aged Breakfast Stout (since I'd already encountered

the traditional Breakfast Stout in the wild), and found it to have a delicious sweet-sour aftertaste and a smooth, creamy mouthfeel. I followed this up with the Whiskey Aged Black Friday Imperial Stout (about which I was originally skeptical, since I'd had the regular, non-aged version before and found it to be too thick for my liking), and was blown away by its tangy, complex flavor. In fact, all of the whiskeyaged beers really shine—and, as Burke informed me, they are aged locally, in barrels provided by nearby distillery Long Island Spirits.

The Extra Special Bitter was, as its name suggests, bitter, yet somehow filling in its heaviness. The hoppiness hit toward the end, and I savored every sip. Finally, I had a quick sample of the Raspberry Wheat, which was light and, thankfully, not packed with raspberry flavor-in fact, there was only a touch of raspberry, which made it easily drinkable and perfect for a hot summer day. (Dotzel told me that this beer is often mixed with the coffee-tinged flavors of the Breakfast Stout to achieve a "breakfasty flavor" for patrons who wish to take home something unique in their growlers. Another favorite is the "Jelly Roll," which combines the Raspberry Wheat with the **Chocolate Porter.**)

What's "new" now? The re-release of Long Ireland Winter Ale, a holiday-themed amber with an infusion of wintry spices and a bracing, bitter finish, clocking in at 7.2% alcohol by volume

The aged beers-my favorites, if you haven't picked that up by now-are not yet available in bottles, but Burke isn't ruling it out. "We age them from



Indulge in a local brew this holiday season.

anywhere between three months to a year," he said. "It varies, and the results vary, too." The whiskeyaged brews were first introduced in February of this year, in an event Burke and Martin called "Whiskey Weekend," which featured six different aged twists on LIB favorites, and even a food truck for attendees.

The tasting room at Long Island Beer Company offers a variety of T-shirts, pint glasses, and other souvenirs, as well as growlers to take home, and the room is as spacious as it is welcoming—so bring a few friends along to enjoy these hand-crafted brews.

Long Ireland Beer Company, 817 Pulaski Street, Riverhead. 631-403-4303, longirelandbeer.com.

NORTH FORK

For more events happening this week, check out:

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS AT RIVERHEAD LIBRARY 10 a.m.-noon. Free screenings provided by Peconic Bay Medical Center. No registration necessary. Riverhead Free Library, 330 Court Street, Riverhead. 631-727-3228 riverheadlibrary.org

THURSDAY NIGHT OUT AT THE ALL STAR

5-9 p.m. \$25 per person includes dinner and bowling. Ball and shoe rental included. The All Star, 96 Main Road, Riverhead. 631-998-3565 theallstar.com

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

HAPPY HOUR AT SMITTY'S

4-7 p.m. Half-priced craft beer, drink specials and live music. Smitty's All American Grill at The All Star, 96 Main Road, Riverhead. 631-998-3565 theallstar.com

DUSK AT DILIBERTO WINERY

5-8 p.m. Two glasses of wine and a pizza for \$25. Diliberto Winery, 250 Manor Lane, Jamesport. 631-722-3416 dilibertowinery.com

FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC AT LIEB CELLARS OREGON ROAD 6--9 p.m. Live music, wine and food. 13050 Oregon Road, Cutchogue. 631--298--1942 liebcellars.com

ROCKABILLY CHRISTMAS AT SUFFOLK THEATER

8 p.m. Music by Jason D. Williams, Gene Casey and the Lone Sharks, Bobby Volkman and more. \$37. Suffolk Theater, 118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343 suffolktheater.com

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

RIVERHEAD FARMERS MARKET

10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sundays until 3 p.m. Also featuring craft fair through the holidays. 221 East Main Street, Riverhead.

LIVE MUSIC AT LAUREL LAKE

11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Laurel Lake Vineyards, 3165 Main Road, Laurel. 631-298-1420 llwines.com

LIVE MUSIC AT BAITING HOLLOW FARM VINEYARD

11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Live music, beer, food. No cover. 2114 Sound Ave., Baiting Hollow. 631-369-0100 bhfvineyard.com

SPARKLING POINTE PRESENTS EAT, DRINK AND BE **SPARKLING! FESTIVE FOOD & WINE PAIRINGS**

Noon-5 p.m. Sparkling Pointe Tasting House, 39750 County Road 48, Southold. 631-765-0200 sparklingpointe.com

FROSTY AND PUPPET FRIENDS AT SUFFOLK THEATER

1 p.m. Puppet show of Frosty the Snowman. Meet original Frosty illustrator Don Duga before the show. \$35/\$20 children. Open for brunch (additional charge) at 11 a.m. Suffolk Theater, 118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343 suffolktheater.com

LIVE MUSIC AT MARTHA CLARA VINEYARDS

Road, Cutchogue. 631-298-1942 liebcellars.com

1-4 p.m. No cover. Martha Clara Vineyards, 6025 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 631-298-0075 marthaclaravineyards.com

TALK WITH ISIDORE DOROSKI AT RIVERHEAD LIBRARY 1:30 p.m. Author of The Inverted Mask. 330 Court Street, Riverhead. 631-727-3228 riverheadlibrary.org

LIVE MUSIC AT LIEB CELLARS OREGON ROAD 2-5 p.m. Open every day from noon-7 p.m. 13050 Oregon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

HOLIDAY BRUNCH WITH SANTA AT HOTEL INDIGO

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Breakfast, complimentary picture with Santa. 1830 W. Main St., Riverhead. 631-369-2200 hotelindigo.com

PICK OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Frosty and Friends, Suffolk Theater 1 p.m. (see left)

LIVE MUSIC AT BAITING HOLLOW FARM VINEYARD

2-6 p.m. Live music, beer and great food. No cover charge. Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard, 2114 Sound Avenue, Baiting Hollow. 631-369-0100 bhfvineyard.com

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" AT SUFFOLK THEATER

4 p.m. Dinner buffet and non-alcoholic beverages included. \$35 adults/\$17.50 children ages 3-12. Suffolk Theater, 118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343 suffolktheater.com

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

BLOOD DRIVE AT LI AQUARIUM

12:30 p.m. Terrace Room at the Sea Star Ballroom, 431 East Main Street, Riverhead. 800-688-0900 nybloodcenter.org

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

GIRLS NIGHT OUT AT COOPERAGE INN

3:30 p.m. \$5 appetizers & cosmos, \$15 full dinner menu & more specials. Every Wednesday, Cooperage Inn, 2218 Sound Avenue, Calverton. 631-727-8994 cooperageinn.com

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

For Christmas dining options and a complete list of East End events and celebrations during the holiday season, visit DansPapers.com.

For more events and to post your event online, go to Events.DansPapers.com. Events submitted by noon Friday will be considered for the print calendar.

BOOK REVIEW Two new books by East Enders.

ARTS & ENTERTAIN

ART EVENTS Openings, closings see and be seen.

Goat on a Boat Offers Holiday Fun for All Ages

BY LEE MEYER

The holidays are a great time to introduce your children to the arts, with lots of opportunities to see dance and theatrical productions, such as The Nutcracker or A Christmas Carol. While these shows are lovely and enriching, there's also a unique company on the East End that specializes in entertainment specifically geared toward younger kids. Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre in Sag Harbor is one of only 50 puppet theaters in the country, and founder Liz Joyce maintains a robust slate of programming year-round.

Through the end of the year, Goat on a Boat will present holiday-themed puppet shows from puppeteers and companies near and far. "It's a fun way to get through the winter," says Joyce. "It's an intimate space that's a great way to introduce kids to theater, which they can enjoy for the rest of their lives."

Jim Napolitano and his company, Nappy's Puppets, will bring How Santa Got His Job to Goat on a Boat on December 20 and 21. "Jim is a big favorite. He does shadow puppets, which are so funny. He's always a hit with the kids," says Joyce. The show tells the story of a young Santa, who can't seem to find a good job. After trying everything from chimney sweep to circus performer, Santa meets a group of elves who help him find his dream job.

On December 27, Portland, Oregon-based Puppetkabob will present The Snowflake Man, inspired by the story of Wilson Bentley, the self-

educated farmer and scientist who became the first person to photograph a single snow crystal. The show, which uses miniature marionettes, won a prestigious UNIMA-USA (International Puppetry Association) award.

Liz Hara and Marta Mozelle will perform Help Save Monkey, about a little boy and an old woman who rush to save a monkey who's about to land on Earth from space, on January 3. The winner of a 2014 Jim Henson Foundation Family Grant, Help Save Monkey uses unique staging and audience participation.
"It's a style of table-top puppetry," Joyce says. "It's based on Bunraku, a form of Japanese puppet theater. You see the puppeteers throughout the show, and Puppeteer Liz Joyce delights kids of all ages. they actually wear NASA space

suits, and there's a helium balloon and ship that fly through."

While Goat on a Boat caters to young childrenshows are appropriate for kids from around 3 and up—Joyce has come across slightly older kids who become very interested in puppetry because of the



shows. "By 8 years old, the kids are usually moving on, but there are some 10-year-olds who love it and love seeing the shows." Joyce is also planning a teen/adolescent program with the Sag Harbor Youth Committee. "The middle school age group is in need of fun programming," Joyce notes. She has already started a Girl Power yoga class, appropriate for yoginis ages 10-14. In January, classes and workshops for kids will be offered. (Dates and times will be added to the Goat on a Boat website as they're scheduled). Goat on a Boat also offers gift certificates, which Joyce believes are a great way to introduce people to the theater. "I find that people who get gift certificates always say that they wanted to come but never made it out here, and

with the gift certificate they have a reason."

Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre is located at 4 East Union Street, Sag Harbor. For tickets, gift certificates and more information call 631-725-4193 or go to goatonaboat.org.



Two Small Books That Have Great Impact

BY JOAN BAUM



Leaving This World

In Leaving This World: A Poetry Collection, East Hampton resident Sondra Lynn crafts a prologue opening sentence that's hard to ignore: "Because of Leukemia, I decided to write freely..." poems that are raw and "meant to stand together in a chorus (supporting each other like friends)". She hopes

they can "bring more consciousness to [our] own dance with Mortality." A practicing acupuncturist for years, Lynn found that poetry "transformed her healing realm" from body, mind and spirit to "the world of words, psyche and soul." She says she feels well spiritually, though her body "is weakening fairly quickly," but is "grateful to have done the hard work of coming to terms with my upcoming death and feel at peace now." She adds that the New York branch of Compassion & Choices is making the book "a gift to donors at some of their fundraising events," and that means that her "poetry can go out to a wider audience and help others facing death and those caring for and about the patient."

The free-verse poems are short (87 are in this 98-page book). They move from Lynn being told she has cancer ("A tectonic plate of words fell out of/my doctor's mouth—setting off an inky tsunami...") to a final "Vision/My Wish," as "God's Light permeates into my/Yellow bedroom." The last entry acknowledges in the past tense a breeze "Outside of what was once/My window." This is her 56th year, as one poem indicates, and no doubt her last. It's surprising that Lynn manages so much sentiment without falling into

sentimentality, even as she pays loving tribute to her mom and devoted friends, sometimes by way of dialogue, though she favors the shaped poem, whose different line lengths provide emphasis. Though some poems express impatience with the cancer industry and acknowledge the pain of upcoming loss,

the volume keeps to a controlled narrative arc, opening and closing with faith. As she notes, the book is called *Leaving This World*. Another awaits.

My Father Never Took Me to a Baseball Game

Ya gotta love Stephen Costello. He's the real deal, a generous, affectionate, loving dad, husband, grandparent and good buddy (friends flock in with tributes—one even interjects himself into the middle of the author's chapter to talk about spending a great day at the 2013 Baseball All Star Game). As corny, nostalgic (and slightly repetitive) as Costello's story seems to be, however, it exudes

authenticity and self-effacing charm (too bad the B & W photos scattered throughout are so small). Throughout, Costello boldfaces words of wisdom that spin off anecdotes, such as: "Just because someone says something, it doesn't mean it's true. Even if that person is your mother." But it wasn't his mother who ruled with an iron fist.

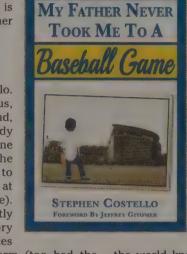
A daughter writes that her dad "made a point to never be like his dad." Indeed, Costello's truck driver father, aka "The Hand," was "a bully, a man given to violence, obscenity, racist remarks, cruelty." He held a hand in front of his face, even to yell at their dog. And he never once took his baseball-loving young son to a game. It was Costello's dearly beloved maternal grandfather who did that.

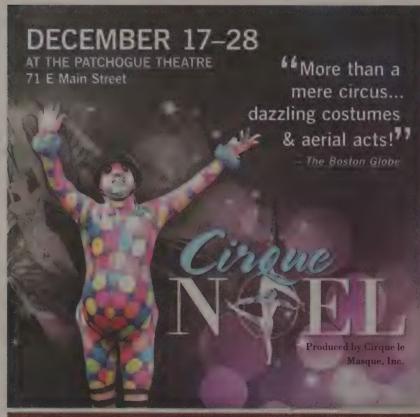
It's full of deadpan humor, often hilarious, and told in a breezy, conversational style, but this

could have been a different memoir, a tale of childhood physical and psychological abuse. But Costello, a successful businessman and a resident of Westhampton for the last 14 years, is too sunny to do that. Thankful for the joys of what his childhood did give him, and for the people with whom he shared them, he passes on that legacy and, in the process, celebrate one of his shining heroes, Harvey Haddix.

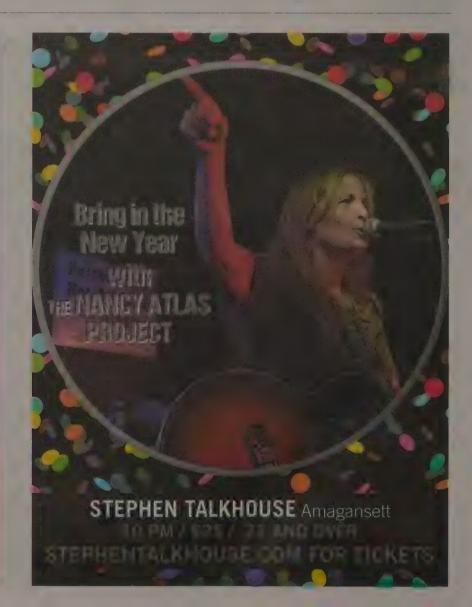
Harvey Who? Haddix, who pitched 12 perfect innings, "a performance that has still never quite found its rightful place in history." It was May 26, 1959 when the unknown farm boy with the Pittsburgh Pirates "threw the greatest game ever pitched in the history of baseball ... EVER." It's time

the world knows and appreciates this, as Costello tells Haddix's widow. Other tidbits dot the narrative, such as the fact that the Cincinnati Reds in the '50s were called the Red Legs to avoid "any perceived association with communism." Or that baseball was invented not by Abner Doubleday but by Alexander Joy Cartwright. Though Costello is a total sports nut, a player, a lifelong fan and a Harvey Haddix proponent, it's the familial story and the truth in the title My Father Never Took Me to a Baseball Game that proves most engaging.









Eco-Vogue Jewelry Grows in East Quoque

BY SANDRA HALE SCHULMAN

7 ith the current emphasis on natural materials and sustainable products, a budding company in East Ouogue has taken a fashionable approach. Eco-Vogue, run by agricultural engineer Angelica Cocha, is an ecologically friendly, sustainable and organic line of jewelry, handmade with "vegetable ivory"—the nut of the Tagua tree. The company is focused on the environment, the economy, the social impact and their customer base. Cocha designs the necklaces, bracelets, and earrings and then has them handmade in Ecuador by a variety of small artisan communities.

The large Tagua nut, about the size of a chestnut, has been in use for hundreds of years in South America. It can be polished, sliced and colored in a variety of ways—but left in its natural state, it resembles ivory. The use of Tagua nuts helps improve local economies by generating jobs and reducing the cutting down of the rainforest.



An original necklace by Eco-Vogue

Cocha founded Eco-Vogue in 2010. "I earned my degree as an agricultural engineer, so I saw firsthand what was happening to the environment in South America, as well as to the villages there," she says from her home studio. "After finishing an internship in the U.S., I returned to Ecuador and was assisting in the Community Tourism Federation of Ecuador. Working as a translator, I got to know people from about 100 communities in Ecuador, and I got to see the amazing handcrafts they make. Unfortunately, the lack of support and education keeps these communities in poverty, and their crafts remain unknown. I got the idea to design jewelry when I realized the growing global demand for eco-friendly pieces with a high standard of quality. There is so much plastic in the world now—this is a way to reduce that."

According to Cocha, the artisans in Ecuador have a long history of handcrafted jewelry, and they use all the parts of the plant the Tagua nut comes from. The nut is used to make buttons, the bark and wood is used for housing and the leaves for thatched roofs. The nut can also be carved into small figurines, including chess pieces. Growing in the rain forest, the tree produces new seedpods constantly, blooming three to four times a year.

In addition to the total usage of the plant, the business avoids deforestation, offers an alternative to ivory from slaughtered elephants and keeps the ground free from mining for metals and stones. It reduces migration to big cities, and keeps families together in small villages, improving the quality of life. Customers can feel good about a high quality product that is eco-friendly in many ways at an extremely affordable price. Many of the necklaces and bracelets are priced under \$100, with pieces starting at \$25.

"It's very important to me to keep a global perspective on this business, says Cocha, "as the situation is really quite urgent, but it has to be fashionable and attractive too.'

The large nuts are highly polished and gleam like jewels in earthy colors that come from vegetable dyes. The nuts in the collection, combined to create statement necklaces and chunky bracelets, feature different looks for different seasons. The grain of the nut can also look like wood. Strung together with smaller nuts and seeds on cords, the collection's offerings have the look of high-end designer jewelry. The bracelets come Tagua nut jewelry by Eco-Vogue on stretchy bands, in rich colors.



The Eco-Vogue line has been picked up by Ann Taylor stores across the country, and its products are available to order online through their website. The site includes a video of the process, from harvest to polishing to carving and dyeing.

"There are also studies showing that wearing natural items-from clothing fibers like cottons and silks to stone and nut jewelry-reduces stress on the body. Plastic and nylon aren't healthy for anyone, so it makes sense that wearing natural items might just be good for you as well as the earth,' says Cocha.

For more info, visit eco-vogue.com.



Movies...



TOP FIVE

At last we get to see the reason behind Chris Rock suddenly being all over the media. Glowing profiles in *The New Yorker* and *New York* have allowed Rock to attempt to recast himself as a serious actor (and filmmaker and producer),

but as Rock himself has pointed out, it won't mean much if people don't go for his new film. *Top Five*, which Rock himself wrote and directed, heads down a fairly risky path in that respect, based as it partially is on the film *Stardust Memories*, the semi-serious 1980 film by Rock's comedy hero Woody Allen. Allen's *Stardust Memories*, while fairly well received by critics, did not endear itself to broad audiences expecting something along the lines of *Annie Hall*

or *Manhattan*. Like *Stardust Memories*, Rock's *Top Five* is about a comedian (named Andre Allen in tribute to Woody) who seems to have left comedy behind. "I don't feel funny," he says by way of explanation, which is a line straight out of the Allen film. Unlike Allen's film, though, Rock's film is pretty hilarious, and it features a cast brimming with multiple generations of African American comedians—Tracy Morgan, Cedric the Entertainer, Kevin Hart and Whoopi Goldberg to name a handful. *Top Five* was premiered at the Toronto film festival, and was greeted with such enthusiasm that a bidding war broke out over who would get distribution rights. Maybe Chris Rock is ready for his next act.



INHERENT VICE

Paul Thomas Anderson (Boogie Nights) takes on Thomas Pynchon in Inherent Vice. The film is like a reimagining of film noir, with the sleazy characters and the inexorable progress towards woe and doom, but here transplanted to the late '60s and taking on the sickly colors of a bad LSD trip. Anderson's films often seem like kinder, gentler forays into Quentin Tarantino territory, and it seems pretty clear that Anderson's entrée into the world of feature

filmmaking was prepared by the earlier successful genre-film pastiches of Tarantino. In *Boogie Nights*, Anderson portrayed the sleazy, drug-addled world of the '70s porn film industry as teeming with caricatures—Mark Wahlberg, for example, played a kind of cartoon character porn star, larger than life in more ways than one—in a way that was fun and somehow also reverential. His reverence was not only for the era he was depicting, but also for the Hollywood films of that era and, indeed, for the classic long-form porn films of the '70s. In *Inherent Vice*, Anderson gets to pull off the trick of saluting the muted shadings of film noir while also referencing the wild styles of the late '60s. You'll come for the story, but you'll stay for the sideburns.

UA EAST HAMPTON CINEMA 6 (+) (631-324-0448)

30 Main Street, East Hampton

UA SOUTHAMPTON CINEMA (+) (631-287-2774)

43 Hill Street, Southampton

SAG HARBOR CINEMA (+) (631-725-0010)

90 Main Street, Sag Harbor

UA HAMPTON BAYS 5 (+) (631-728-8251)

119 West Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays

MATTITUCK CINEMAS (631-298-SHOW)

10095 Main Road, Mattituck

HAMPTON ARTS (WESTHAMPTON BEACH) (+) (631-288-2600)

2 Brook Road, Westhampton Beach

VILLAGE CINEMA (GREENPORT) (631-477-8600)

Closed for the season.

The sign (+) when following the name of a theater indicates that a show has an infrared assistive listening device.

Please confirm with the theater before arriving to make sure they are available.



ART EVENTS

For more events happening this week, check out:

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OPENINGS AND EVENTS

ARTISTS ALLIANCE OF EAST HAMPTON SHOW

12/21, 12/22, noon-5 p.m.; 12/23, noon-4 p.m. AAEH members holiday show. All are welcome. Ashawagh Hall, 780 Springs Fireplace Road, Springs. 631-267-3055 ashawagh-hall.org

THIS 'N THAT ART SHOW AT ASHAWAGH HALL

1/17, 10 a.m.–8 p.m., reception from 5–9 p.m.; 1/18, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Featuring the work of seven local artists and including painting, photography, garden sculpture and book art. Ashawagh Hall, 780 Springs-Fireplace Road, East Hampton. ashawagh-hall.org

ONGOING

HOLIDAY ART MARKET AT THE OUTEAST GALLERY

Through 12/22. Supports local artists and designers. Outeast Gallery & Goods, 65 Tuthill Road, Montauk. 631-668-2376 facebook.com/outeastmtk

6TH ANNUAL HAMPTONS JURIED ART SHOW TO BENEFIT THE RETREAT

Through 12/22. The top 25 pieces chosen by Christina Strassfield and Janet Goleas. Benefits The Retreat Domestic Violence Services. RJD Gallery, 90 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-1161 rjdgallery.com

A CAVALCADE OF ANTIQUE DOLLS AND TOYS AT CLINTON ACADEMY MUSEUM

Through 12/28. This exhibition focuses on how Christmas was celebrated in the 19th and early 20th centuries.



"Buddha's Hand Citron," circa 1880 at The Drawing Room

Free admission; donations welcomed. Clinton Academy Museum, 151 Main Street, East Hampton Village. 631-324-6850 easthamptonhistory.org

GEMS OF THE GRENNING GALLERY

Through 12/29. Works of Carl Bretzke, Barbara Castrucci, Jas Knight, Edwina Lucas, John Morfis, Fanny Rush and reintroducing Kate Lehman and Travis Schlaht. Grenning Gallery, 17 Washington Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-8469 grenninggallery.com

LE CORBUSIER: UNITE AT THE QUOGUE GALLERY

Through 12/31. An exhibition of Le Corbusier's rarely seen

Unite etchings. Quogue Gallery, 44 Quogue Street, Quogue. 631-653-6236

SOUTHAMPTON BLUE BOOK, 1930 TO 1960: PHOTOGRAPHS FROM BERT MORGAN

Through 12/31. Exhibit of photographs from the Bert Morgan Archives. Photos of Jacqueline Kennedy in a local horse show and other East End private events. Southampton Historical, 17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton. 631-283-2494 southamptonhistoricalmuseum.org

AWKWARD FAMILY PHOTOS: THE EXHIBITION AT SOUTHAMPTON ARTS CENTER

Through 1/4/15. Southampton Arts Center, 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. On view noon-4:30 p.m. 631-283-0967 southamptonartscenter.org.

MARY ELLEN BARTLEY: LEANING ABOVE THE PAGE AT GUILD HALL

Through 1/4/15. Featuring photographs from Mary Ellen Bartley. \$7 suggested admission. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 guildhall.org

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE GUILD HALL MUSEUM PERMANENT COLLECTION

Through 1/4/15. Featuring the work of artists whose work has been shown at Guild Hall and will now be part of the permanent collection. \$7 suggested admission. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 guildhall.org

WINTER SALON AT THE DRAWING ROOM

Through 2/28/15. Friday, Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Contemporary drawings, prints, paintings, photographs & historical works on paper. The Drawing Room Gallery, 66 Newtown Lane, 631-324-5016 drawingroom-gallery.com

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SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP Where to find the bargains this weekend.

LIFESTYLE

For you, family and friends.

It's the Final Weekend for Christmas Shopping!

BY KENDRA SOMMERS



The holiday season is perhaps the most fun time for shopping. It's a chance to go into stores you might not always visit, enjoy joyful music and the nostalgic scent of pine, and to show your love for others through gifts large or small.

Looking for something extra special? S. Bogetti is a Personal Jewelry Consultant with some fabulous pieces—

such as the 18k yellow gold peridot and blue topaz ring, or the Star of David necklace in 14k white gold and rose cut trillion cut diamonds. Visit owner Stephanie Bogetti's website sbogetti.com or e-mail her at stephbogetti@gmail.com

Tamara Comolli Boutique Hamptons is back for holiday shopping through December 24. From pendants to signature bracelets to statement rings, Tamara Comolli's fine jewelry is classic, wearable and simply gorgeous. For a bit of sparkle this holiday season, be sure to take a peek at the Bouton rings. Stop by 27 Main Street, Southampton, call 631-283-7600 or visit tamaracomolli.com.

Next time you're at the Bridgehampton Commons, stop by Salty Home and take a look at their seaside ornaments. Salty Home's handcrafted wooden ornaments come in assorted styles with complimentary personalization! Located

at 2044 Montauk Highway in Bridgehampton. Call 631-237-1250 or visit saltyhome.com.

Get into the festivity of the season at Hampton Coffee Company. Back for this holiday season are the Peppermint Mocha, Peppermint Hot Chocolate and Eggnog Latte. Yum! They also have made-to-order gift baskets, special holiday teas, Bodum French presses and coffee grinders, gift cards, holiday music CDs, and their freshly roasted estate-grown coffee beans in holiday gift bags. Stop in to stock up on gifts and enjoy

a sample of the limited edition Hampton Holiday blend coffee. Hampton Coffee Company is located at 194 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach; 749 County Road 39A, Southampton; and at 869 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. Or, visit hamptoncoffeecompany.com to place an online order!

As always, make time to treat yourself right. A bottle of Nature's Bounty Optimal Solution's Extra Strength Hair, Skin & Nails multivitamin is a perfect reminder to do just that—on the daily! The soft, pearly little vitamins are packed with 5,000 mcg of biotin, an important B vitamin that supports skin and hair health and helps promote healthy nail growth. Extra Strength Hair, Skin & Nails is the very first formula to include argan oil, hyaluronic acid and antioxidants in a multi-vitamin to specifically target



Star of David necklace from S. Bogetti

hair, skin and nail health. The best part is, it's also a multivitamin! Available at naturesbounty.com.

Keranique's 8-Day Intensive Scalp Infusion Treatment takes care of hair from the outside. This weightless, alcohol-free formula infuses hair with Keranique's Keratin Amino Complex, which helps strengthen and fortify thinning hair. The treatment also stimulates micro-circulation to help nourish the hair follicle for longterm healthier hair. Available at keranique.com.

It's always refreshing when a product lives up to all of the claims made on its packaging. It's rare, frankly. The new **Tweezer from Softouch** is one of those rare products. The grip is "secure," yet the feel of the handle is "velvety soft" and they do indeed offer a "precise tweeze." Plus the box says it's recyclable! earththerapeutic.com

In the spirit of the 2014 holiday season, **Minnie** Rose luxury women's cashmere is giving back with an exciting campaign: 12 Days of Giving. Each day from December 11 through 22, a percentage of sales from e-commerce store minnierose.com will be donated to charities.

Send your shopping news, including sales, new inventory and special events to shoptil@danspapers.com.





CADDEN

What's happening in our microclimate.

HOUSE & HOME

CALENDAR Events for families, kids and singles.

It's Cold: Remain Vigilant, Gardeners

BY JEANELLE MYERS



Almost all the leaves are down now. Temperatures are dropping and the holiday season is upon us. So, we can forget about the warm weather omnipresent tick problem. Don't do that! When my husband was at the dermatologist's office recently, the previous patient had, to his surprise, been relieved of a tick on his back.

Some tick species go dormant but the dreaded deer tick does not. Ticks have a complicated (to me) life cycle but adult deer ticks began their major blood feasting in fall in preparation for egg laying in spring and the search for the feast continues until the tick has found its blood meal. They will be active until each is sated. If the ground is not frozen, the temperature is above freezing and there is no snow on the ground—they will be searching for blood.

Ticks wait for a warm-blooded creature, including us, in the same places as at other times of year. They do not jump from vegetation or drop from trees. They wait on the tops of low vegetation like grasses and shrubs and in leaf litter. As you walk by, they sense carbon dioxide, heat from your body and vibrations from your walking. When you brush across the vegetation, they crawl onto you and look for a warm humid place to settle in.

Walks in the woods and on beaches are wonderful this time of year. But when you walk anywhere ticks might be present, take the same precautions you did in warm weather—especially if you have been on overgrown paths, woody or bushy areas, in places with a lot of leaf litter or tall grasses (like beach grass). Wear light-colored clothing...long pants and long-sleeved tops... and tuck everything in. This makes spotting ticks easier when you inspect yourself at the end of your journey. Spray with an insecticide containing DEET. Be sure to read the label.

Ticks like humid, warm areas and, even if you have taken the above precautions, a thorough body check by yourself or a loved one is in order. Check backs of knees, your groin area, arm pits, neck, hairline, ears, navel and back...everywhere really. I have had ticks in almost all of these areas. *Yaug!* If you find one, remove it with a fine-tipped tweezers.

Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and remove it with even pressure, straight out... no twisting. Don't try Vaseline, matches or alcohol thinking any of these will cause the tick to back out... it will not. Familiarize yourself with the symptoms of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases. If you do experience any symptoms, it is NECESSARY to go to a doctor who is very familiar with tick-borne diseases. Ask around or call me.

Also, remember that your pets can still get ticks and need to be examined at times when ticks may be active. They might be hard to find but a thorough petting is in order. Remove any you find just like you do on yourself. Speak to your vet about protection



Beware of ticks, even in the wintertime.

for your pets.

To lower the chance of ticks in your yard, remove leaf litter and keep your grass short (though this is in contradiction to healthy lawn care). If you live in the woods, a three-foot border of wood chip mulch around the perimeter is suggested.

There are also companies that spray your yard to kill ticks. Some of these are "organic." I don't like them, though, because they also kill beneficial insects. Talk to the spray company. Some of my clients do use this spray but I have talked to the sprayer and they have agreed to avoid flower and vegetable gardens.

This is a beautiful season but ticks are still among us. They like it too.

Jeanelle Myers is a professional gardener, landscaper and consultant. For gardening discussion you can call her at 631-434-5067. jeanellemyersfinegardening.com





CALENDAR

For more events happening this week, check out:

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

TALKHOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY

6:30 p.m. 21 and over. The Stephen Talkhouse, 161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117 stephentalkhouse.com

THE JAM SESSION AT BAY BURGER

7 p.m. Live music every Thursday night at Bay Burger. Recorded live-to-tape for NPR station WPPB 88.3FM. Bay Burger, 1742 Sag Harbor Turnpike, Sag Harbor. 631-899-3915 thejamsession.org

QUIZ NIGHT AT TOWNLINE BBQ

7 p.m. Bring a group of five and compete in various rounds of trivia. 21 and over. \$10 per person; gift cards and cash prizes awarded. Townline BBQ, 3593 Townline Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-2271 townlinebbq.com

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

MENORAH LIGHTING AT HERRICK PARK

3:30 p.m. Hanukah songs, latkes, gelt and more. Free, all ages welcome. Herrick Park, Newtown Lane, East Hampton. 631-377-0511 chabadofthehamptons.com

DADDY ISSUES AT INNERSLEEVE RECORDS

5 p.m. Free performance by all-girl grunge-rock trio. Innersleeve Records, 199 Main St, Amagansett. 631-604-6248

CANDLELIGHT FRIDAYS AT WÖLFFER

5–8 p.m. No cover. Wines by the glass and bottle, cheese/charcuterie plates for purchase. Wölffer Estate Vineyard, 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-5106 wolffer.com

4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY AT 230 ELM

6 p.m. For friends, families, businesses; all ages. Includes open top shelf bar, DJ and dancing, dinner buffet, desserts and more. \$40 all inclusive. 230 Elm, 230 Elm Street, Southampton. 631-377-3900 230elm.com

SEISKAYA BALLET'S "THE NUTCRACKER"

7 p.m. The acclaimed production returns to the Staller Center. Call for pricing. Staller Center at Stony Brook University, 100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook. 631-632-2787 stallercenter com

FREE SCREENING: HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" AT GUILD HALL 8 p.m. Performed by Christopher Hogwood. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 guildhall.org

THE GLAZZIES AT STEPHEN TALKHOUSE

8 p.m. 21 and over. The Stephen Talkhouse, 161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117 stephentalkhouse.com

LOVE SIDE CITY AND GPS AT STEPHEN TALKHOUSE

10 p.m. 21 and over. The Stephen Talkhouse, 161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117 stephentalkhouse.com

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

STPS BARCELONA NECK RAMBLE

10 a.m. Moderately brisk 5.5-mile hike with views of Sag Harbor Bay, Northwest Creek and Harbor, Cedar Point Park and Mashomack Preserve. Free. Meet at Sag Harbor Golf Club parking lot on Barcelona Neck Road off Route 114, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0450 southamptontrails.org

TOPPING ROSE HOUSE HOLIDAY MARKET

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Topping Rose House, 1 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0870 toppingrosehouse.com

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOW AT BRIDGEHAMPTON ARCHIVES

11 a.m.–4 p.m. Weekends in December. Ceramics by local artists. Bridgehampton Archives, 2539-a Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton. 631-726-2547 hamptonsclayart.org



In the Hamptons, holiday decorations abound!

THE MET: LIVE IN HD—WAGNER'S "DIE MEISTERSINGER" Noon. Screening of the comic opera. \$22 general admission/\$20 members/\$15 students. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 guildhall.org

FREE SCREENING: "MAGIC IN THE MOONLIGHT" AT EAST HAMPTON LIBRARY

1 p.m. Directed by Woody Allen, starring Emma Stone and Colin Firth. East Hampton Library, 159 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0222 easthamptonlibrary.org

HARBOR BELLS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

5 p.m. Free; please bring goods for food pantry. Bridgehampton Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-725-2948

"MAMA'S LAST SONG" AT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7 p.m. Gospel musical by Tramar Pettaway. Free. Hamptons United Methodist Church, 160 Main Street, Southampton. 631-887-9324 facebook.com/mamaslastsong

SATURDAY NIGHTS AT SOUTHAMPTON PUBLICK HOUSE

9:30 p.m. DJ Brian Evans spins Hamptons classics in the taproom. Southampton Publick House, 40 Bowden Square, Southampton. 631-283-2800 publick.com





CALENDAR

MARIGRACE DINEEN & CO. AT STEPHEN TALKHOUSE

8 p.m. 21 and over. The Stephen Talkhouse, 161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117 stephentalkhouse.com

LONE SHARKS AT STEPHEN TALKHOUSE

10 p.m. 21 and over. The Stephen Talkhouse, 161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117 stephentalkhouse.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

NORTH SEA FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8 a.m.-noon. Call for pricing. 230 Elm, 230 Elm Street,

Southampton. 631-377-3900 230elm.com

STPS QUOGUE WILDLIFE REFUGE ROMP

10 a.m. Moderately paced 4-mile hike to explore diverse habitats in the Pine Barrens, Free. Quogue Wildlife Refuge & Pine Barrens, 3 Old Country Road, Quogue. 516-320-0761 southamptontrails.org

TASTINGS AT THE MONTAUK BREWING COMPANY

Noon-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; Friday 3-6 p.m. 62 S. Erie Ave, Montauk. 631-668-8471 montaukbrewingco.com

MONTAUK MENORAH LIGHTING

4 p.m. First public menorah lighting in Montauk. Popular Hanukah songs, latkes, drinks, gelt and more. Kirk Park, 95 S. Emerson Avenue, Montauk. 631-377-0511 chabadofthehamptons.com

THE VENDETTAS ROCK AND ROLL HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

8 p.m. Featuring holiday hits and rock favorites. \$15. Bay Street Theater, 1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500 baystreet.org

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

COMMUNITY YOGA MONDAYS

10 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Donation-based yoga classes. Bikram Hot Yoga in the morning, Hot Vinyasa in the evening. Proceeds go to the Child Care Center at Montauk Playhouse. HOT'auk Yoga, 649 Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-235-2883 hotaukyoga.com

230 DOWN: HAPPY HOUR MONDAYS WITH CHRIS

4–7 p.m. \$6 beers all night. Game room open. 230 Elm Street, Southampton. 631-377-3900 230elm.com

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

230 DOWN: TUESDAYS WITH BETH

4–7 p.m. \$6 beers all night. Game room open. 230 Elm Street, Southampton. 631-377-3900 230elm.com

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

MOVIE NIGHT AT HAMPTON COFFEE COMPANY SOUTHAMPTON

6 p.m. An eclectic selection of foreign, documentary and independent film. Free. Great selection of coffee drinks and tapas available for purchase. Discussion following movie. Hampton Coffee Company, 749 County Road 39A, Southampton. 631-353-3088 hamptoncoffeecompany.com

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

For Christmas dining options visit DansPapers.com.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

230 DOWN: LADIES' NIGHT WITH DJ RAJ

4–7 p.m. \$6 beers all night. Game room open. 230 Elm Street, Southampton. 631-377-3900 230elm.com

CANDLELIGHT FRIDAYS AT WÖLFFER

5--8 p.m. No cover. Wines by the glass and bottle, cheese/

PICK OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Lone Sharks at Stephen Talkhouse (10 p.m. Listing at left)

charcuterie plates for purchase. Wölffer Estate Vineyard, 139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-5106 wolffer.com

DJ CURT DOOGIE AT STEPHEN TALKHOUSE

10 p.m. 21 and over. The Stephen Talkhouse, 161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117 stephentalkhouse.com

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

STPS RICHARD FOWLER PRESERVE EXPLORATION

10 a.m. Short trail and visit to Olde Towne for a short walk to the west where colonial settlers wintered during the 1640s and later. Meet on Wickapogue Road, just east of the intersection with Narrow Lane, Southampton. Free. 631-283-0071 southamptontrails.org

FRIENDS OF ROGERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE

 $10~\rm a.m.-4~p.m.$ Wednesdays and Saturdays. Bestsellers, art books, history books, DVDs and more, with dedicated kids' section. Cooper Hall, 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-603-9336

ELLIOT MURPHY AT STEPHEN TALKHOUSE

 $8~\rm p.m.~21$ and over. The Stephen Talkhouse, $161~\rm Main~Street,$ Amagansett. $631\text{-}267\text{-}3117~stephentalkhouse.com}$

230 DOWN: THE REEF BAND

9 p.m.-1 a.m. \$6 beers all night. Game room open. 230 Elm Street, Southampton. 631-377-3900 230elm.com

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KIDS' CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

STORY TIME AT QUOGUE LIBRARY

11 a.m. Little ones will listen to stories with special themes and participate in a simple craft. Call to register. Quogue Library, 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. 631-653-4224 quoguelibrary.org

LEGOS AND GAMES AT AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY

4 p.m. For kids K and up! Build with Legos, play board games and hopscotch and more. 6th-graders wanted to be play-partners. Free Amagansett Free Library, 215 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3810 amaglibrary.org

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

POTTERY & PIZZA AT THE QUOGUE LIBRARY

3:30 p.m. Join ceramic artist Alicia Mack to make a fun project. Pizza provided. Registration required. Quogue Library, 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. 631-653-4224 quoguelibrary.org

TEEN FUN FRIDAYS AT ROGERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

4 p.m. Fill a room with holiday cheer by making a jingle bell Santa hat necklace. For kids grades 6–12. Rogers Memorial Library, 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-283-0774 myrml.org

STUDIO 3 PRESENTS "MIXED NUTS: A CLASSIC HOLIDAY NUTCRACKER"

7 p.m.; Also 12/20, 1 p.m., 7 p.m. This twist on *Nutcracker* features local kids. Bay Street Theater, 1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor. 631-537-2008 dancestudio3.com

SEISKAYA BALLET'S "THE NUTCRACKER"

7 p.m. The acclaimed production returns to the Staller Center. Call for pricing. Staller Center at Stony Brook University, 100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook. 631-632-2787 stallercenter.com

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

OPEN STUDIO FOR FAMILIES AT PARRISH ART MUSEUM

10 a.m.-noon. Includes a tour of the galleries and time in the museum, as well as hands-on art activities. Free with museum admission. Parrish Art Museum, 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-283-2118 parrishart.org

MARINE MAMMALS OF THE SOUTH FORK AT SOFO

10 a.m. Come to the museum to learn about whales, dolphins and more. South Fork Natural History Museum, 377 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735 sofo.org

"HOW SANTA GOT HIS JOB" AT GOAT ON A BOAT

11 a.m., 3 p.m. Discover what Santa did before he was Santa. Performed by Nappy's Puppets. \$12 general admission/\$8 children 3 and under/\$8 additional sibling/\$10 grandparents/\$10 Goat members. Goat on a Boat Puppet Theater, 4 East Union Street, Sag Harbor. \$8–\$12. 631-725-4193 goatonaboat.org

CMEE PLAY! SNOW GLOBES

10–10:45 a.m. Interactive read-aloud of Tracks In The Snow followed by making a snow globe. \$25 for non-members (includes admission to museum)/\$15 for members. Space is limited. The Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250 cmee.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

WEEKEND KIDS CLUB AT HAMPTON KIDS

9 a.m.–noon. Drop your kids off for a mini-camp. Includes a themed art project, healthy snack, lunch, time in bounce house, arcade games and more. For kids 2–12. Call for pricing; sibling discount available. Hampton Kids, 175 Daniels Hole Road, East Hampton. 631-537-4614 hamptonkids.org

LEGO CLUB AT CMEE

10 a.m.-noon. Sundays. Kids can create great Lego projects and leave their works-in-progress with the staff. \$10 for non-members (includes Museum admission)/free for members. The Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250 cmee.org

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT PAGE @ 63 MAIN

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Special \$10 kids' breakfast menu. Complimentary photos with Santa in his sleigh. Page @ 63 Main, 63 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-1810 page63main.com

SIMA AT CMEE

11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Interactive and creative storytelling by local educator and entertainer. \$10 for non-members (includes admission to the museum)/free for members. The Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250 cmee.org

NEW YEAR BEAD CRAFT AT AMAGANSETT LIBRARY

2 p.m. Make a bead craft ornament for the New Year. For kids in grades 1–3. Amagansett Free Library, 215 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3810 amaglibrary.org

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

WINTER RECESS KIDS CLUB AT HAMPTON KIDS

9 a.m. Through 12/26 (closed Christmas Day). Morning, afternoon and full day sessions available. Includes healthy snack, beverage, lunch during morning session, bounce house, arts and crafts and tokens to play arcade games. For kids 2–12. Call for pricing; sibling discount available. Hampton Kids, 175 Daniels Hole Road, East Hampton. 631-537-4614 hamptonkids.org

For more information and to submit your event online go to Events.DansPapers.com. Events submitted by noon Friday will be considered for the print calendar.

SIDE DISH Where to save while dining out.

Good Things Brewing at Brewology in Speonk

BY BRENDAN J. O'REILLY

New to Speonk in July, Brewology is a gastropub that puts as much emphasis on its cuisine as it does on its ever-changing selection of 24 craft beers on tap.

My fiancée, a gourmand, had eaten at Brewology twice before and enjoyed herself, so my expectations were high when we went together for dinner recently—and my expectations were exceeded.

In both atmosphere and its menu, Brewology aims to be contemporary casual. Edison bulbs hang from exposed beams above the U-shaped brick-clad bar, where the taps are at the center. Rather than trying to read a crowd of tap handles, bar patrons and diners are given a menu with detailed descriptions of each beer, and they just give a number from 1 to 24 to place their pint order.

Brewology carries only small-batch craft brews, and the kegs change frequently.

Prices range from \$5 to \$9 for a pint. If you are indecisive—or just want to try them all—a flight of four beers is \$11.

For my flight, I first looked for beers from Long Island, and picked Great South Bay Brewery Baylinerweisse from Bay Shore and Greenport Harbor Brewing Company's Hopnami. With some helpful guidance from our waitress, I finished the quartet with Empire Brewing Company Cream Ale from Syracuse and Long Trail Brewing Company Harvest from Bridgewaters Corners, Vermont.

All were great cool-weather brews, but the Cream

Ale really stood out. I ordered a pint, which came in a 500-milliliter beaker, another one of the ways that Brewology expresses its unique character.

Rather than a basket of bread, the waitress arrived with fresh-from-the-oven pretzels and honey mustard dipping sauce. The water comes in a chilled milk jug, with a charcoal stick that provides filtration and better taste.

The warm pretzels are a great treat, pair well with beer and they got us excited for what was to come.

For a starter, there are a number of choices, including crispy calamari (\$14), mussels with "chef's whim" broth and crostini (\$16) and a charcuterie plate (\$20/\$32). We picked from among the flatbreads (\$16), which are large enough for three or four people to split as an appetizer. We picked the duck flatbread just in time, because there was only one left. As soon as I had my first bite, it was clear why this dish "flies" out of the kitchen. The duck confit—with cherry BBQ sauce, braised leeks, manchego cheese and sunny-side-up eggs—was rich and delicious.

For my entrée, I ordered the rack of ribs (\$27), which was another feat by executive chef Chris Zullo. The large rack of braised pork ribs, served with oven-roasted potatoes and carrots, is covered in a Bourbon glaze that is delectable.

After the flatbread, a generous portion of ribs, and our splitting a side of mac 'n' cheese (\$15) with gouda, taleggio, fontina and cheddar sauce with toasted corn bread crumbs, we nearly brushed off dessert. But we just couldn't resist the suggestion of pumpkin cheesecake (\$10). This



Brewology's rack of ribs

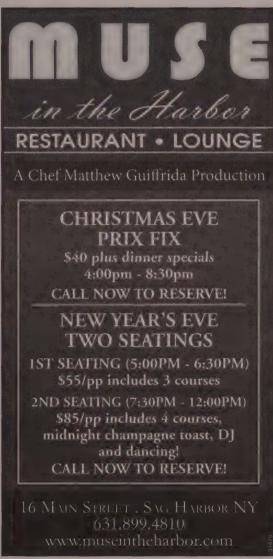
seasonal special with graham cracker crust, caramel, brandied cherry sauce and spiced whipped cream was the perfect way to top off our meal. The root beer float, skillet apple pie and Mississippi mud fudge tart piqued our interest as well. There are a number of dessert cocktails (\$12) to choose from too, including the Brewology Explosion, a frozen stout milk shake with Irish whisky, chocolate chip cookie and Bailey's whipped cream.

Sitting down for a multi-course dinner made for a great experience at Brewology, while it was also apparent that it's a perfect place to drop in for a quick drink and burger—angus (\$13), short rib meat and pulled pork (\$17), turkey (\$15) and veggie (\$14)—at the bar.

Brewology is open for dinner seven nights a week and offers weekend brunch.

Brewology, 295 Montauk Highway, Speonk, 631-801-6221, brewologypub.com.







Ring in the New Year on the East End

et out your best suit or party dress to ring in the new year in style. Catch a performance, get an upscale dinner, attend a party or enjoy an overnight stay on the East End.

SOUTH FORK

Almond, 1 Ocean Road, Bridgehampton, will host a locally sourced four-course prix fixe menu (plus party favors and a champagne toast) beginning at 9 p.m. for \$105. Revelers who want to just dance to the DJ are also invited to drop in, and Almond will be serving snacks at the bar, along with specialty cocktails. Earlier in the evening, they'll be serving an a la carte menu with specials. 631-537-5665 almondrestaurant.com

The Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, will have a ball drop for kids at 12 noon rather than 12 midnight (event runs 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) 631-537-8250 cmee.org

Cucina Family Style Ristorante, 674 Montauk Highway, East Quogue, will offer a \$35 prix fixe dinner including appetizer, salad, pasta and entrée. 631-996-4550 cucinaeastquogue.com

Hampton Lady Beach Bar & Grille, 363 Dune Road, Hampton Bays, is taking reservations for New Year's Eve. Ring in 2015 with dinner and champagne. 631-728-5239 hamptonladybar.com

Gurney's Inn Resort & Spa, 290 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk will host it's a Black & White Masquerade Gala. The festivities begin at 7 p.m., with a 1.5 hour cocktail reception and hors d'oeuvres, a 5-course sit down dinner, 6 hour open bar, live



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musical performance, New York City DJs, dancing, large screens to watch the ball drop, light food served at 2 a.m. and seasonal party favors for guests. Tickets are \$160 per person. Overnight packages available. 631-668-2345 gurneysinn.com

The Muses, at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons, 111 St. Andrews Road, Southampton, will

hold a New Year's Eve Gala with live music by New Life Crisis. Old Stove Pub presents this celebration, which costs \$125 per person and includes a five-course meal, two drinks and a midnight toast. Watch the Times Square ball drop and experience a balloon drop. The party runs from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Reservations required. 631-485-7601 themuseshamptons.com

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Nick & Toni's, 136 North Main Street, East Hampton will be open for dinner on New Year's Eve, Reservations are suggested. 631-324-3550 nickandtonis.com

Page at 63 Main, 63 Main Street, Sag Harbor, will host jam/party band Joe Lauro and the Moondogs for New Year's Eve. Call for details. 631-725-1810, page63main.com

Southampton Social Club, 256 Elm Street, Southampton, is offering New Year's Eve packages at three different levels. Watch the ball drop and enjoy music and dancing as DJ Steven Paul spins all night. The Silver Package (\$95 including tax and gratuity) includes a four-hour top-shelf open bar from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with hors d'oeuvres, midnight champagne toast and party favors. The Gold Package (\$140) includes everything in Silver, plus a four-course dinner by chef Scott Kampf with wine and cocktails. Seatings begin at 7 p.m. The Platinum package (\$200) comes with everything in Silver and Gold plus a private table and all-night-long bottle service with one bottle of premium liquor and champagne included. 631-287-1400 southamptonsocialclub.com

Southampton Inn, 91 Hill Street, Southampton, will hold a 375th birthday party for Southampton. Start with a welcoming cocktail hour and catered dinner, and enjoy open bar all night. The dessert buffet will be birthday-themed. There will be music, dancing and a midnight champagne toast. The cost is \$375 per couple, plus tax, including a room and late checkout. 631-283-6501 southamptoninn.com

Topping Rose House, 1 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, will host a four-course dinner (including dessert!) with two seatings on December 31. The 5:30 p.m. seating is \$155/ person and the 8:30 p.m. seating is \$175 per person. The second seating will receive party favors and complimentary midnight champagne. 631-537-0870 toppingrosehouse.com



Snacking the night away

Rowdy Hall, 10 Main Street, East Hampton will offer holiday specials for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day during lunch and dinner. 631-324-588 rowdyhall.com

Stephen Talkhouse, 161 Main Street, Amagansett, will have a concert at 8 p.m. with Chad Smith of Red Hot Chili Peppers, GE Smith of the Saturday Night Live Band and Fred Cash Jr. Tickets are \$30. Then at 10 p.m., the annual New Year's Eve celebration with Nancy Atlas Project begins. Admission is \$25. 631-267-3117 stephentalkhouse.com

Southampton Publick House, 40 Bowden Square, Southampton, will have a prix fixe dinner from 5-10 p.m., reservations recommended. The annual party in the taproom begins at 10 p.m. with emcee DJ Anthony from WEHM and DJ Tony spinning tunes all night. The \$10 cover includes light (Continued on page 84)

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hors d'oeuvre, a champagne toast, party favors and drink specials. 631-283-2800 publick.com

75 Main, 75 Main Street, Southampton, will host a New Year's Eve Party until 4 a.m. The Jim Turner Band will play from 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m., after which DJs will take over. Four-course dinner available for \$65 per person (half priced for kids.) Open bar 7 p.m.-midnight for \$70 per person. 631-283-7575 75main.com

NORTH FORK

Bistro 72 at Hotel Indigo East End, 1830 West Main Street, Riverhead, will offer a four-course prix fixe menu with local wine, beer and spirits pairings. Food only is \$72 plus tax and gratuity. With wine pairings, add \$27. Available from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Jesse Barnes & Friends will Have your cake and eat it too in 2015! perform. Overnight accommodations available. 631-369-3325 indigoeastend.com

Jedediah Hawkins Inn, 400 South Jamesport Avenue, Jamesport, will offer a prix fixe menu and live music on New Year's Eve. 631-722-2900 jhinn.com

Long Island Aquarium, 431 East Main Street, Riverhead, will hold a celebration for the whole family. Fishes & Wishes includes a cocktail hour, buffet dinner, dancing, crafts, desserts and a mock midnight toast at 10:30 p.m. The event runs from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$60 plus tax for ages 3-12 and 62-plus, \$95 for others. Aquarium member discounts. 631-208-9200 ext. 426 longislandaquarium.com



Love Lane Kitchen, 240 Love Lane, Mattituck will be celebrating the start of 2015 with New Year's Day brunch. Menu items include all the typical brunch fixins'-French toast, free-style eggs, applewood smoked bacon. Select specials and specialty breakfast cocktails will also be available. 631-298-8989 lovelanekitchen.com

Petulant Wino Bistro and Wine Bar, 739 Main Road, Aquebogue will be serving a special New Year's Day brunch prix fixe menu. Cost is \$35 per person plus tax and gratuity. Menu selections include smoked salmon with potato pancake, caviar, lemon and horseradish cream; hummus with grilled vegetables and a delectable-sounding open faced seafood omelet with lobster, shrimp, white fish, creamy béchamel and Petulant Wino home fries. 631-779-3900 petulantwino.com

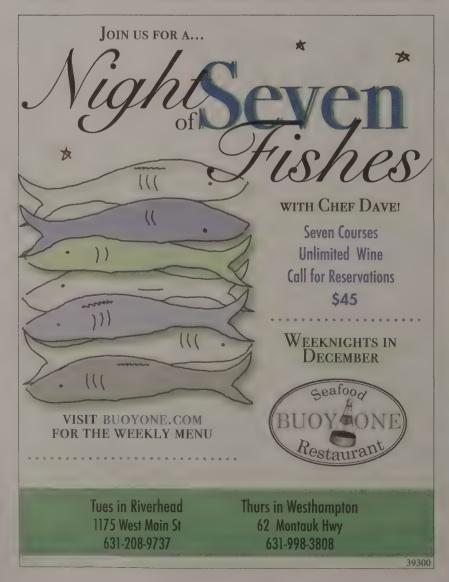
Smitty's American Grille at The All Star, 96 Main Road, Riverhead, will hold a New Year's Eve party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with live music and dancing. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a buffet offering antipasto, crudités, oven-roasted meatballs, rice balls with truffle cream sauce, prime flat iron steak, chicken picatta and roasted cod. Also enjoy the chef's dessert display. The cost is \$75 per person plus tax and gratuity. A 25% deposit is required. 631-998-3565 ext. 2 theallstar.com

Suffolk Theater, 118 East Main Street, Riverhead, will host a New Year's Eve party with Long Island Comedy. Featuring top comedians,

Sherry Davey, JJay Boyd & Tom Daddario. There will be DJ dancing after the show, and complimentary champagne toast at midnight! 631-727-4343 suffolktheater.com

Tweed's Restaurant & Buffalo Bar, 17 East Main Street, Riverhead, will offer its regular menu plus New Year's Eve specials and live music. 631-208-3151 tweedsrestaurant.com

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Classic Dishes for the Best of Times

BY SILVIA LEHRER



It's that time of the year when the holiday spirit is everywhere, with the colorful lights of the season and with the magical displays wherever you look inspiring one to want to share seasonal joys. A small festive dinner is a fine way of extending holiday warmth.

The Night of the Seven Fishes is celebrated on Christmas

Eve, and I can't think of a more appropriate dish than the following do-ahead shellfish stew. It can be almost entirely prepped the day before, except for de-bearding the mussels, and the stew can easily accommodate different kinds of fish. New Year's Eve calls for something festive such as a standing rib roast. Simply season with a dry rub of paprika, coarse salt and garlic to serve with shallot confit. Timing is manageable at about 18 minutes to the pound for a rare to medium rare fork tender, mouthwatering roast.

You'll find my complete recipe for this delectable New Year's classic at DansPapers.com.

And a happy holiday to all!

DO-AHEAD SHELLFISH STEW

Prepare a classic fish stock ahead and freeze or refrigerate. Prep your fresh fish and shellfish and the stew can be ready in short order.

Serves 6 to 8



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1 dozen Little Neck clams

1 dozen large shrimp

1/2 pound large sea scallops

1 pound white-flesh fish, cod, sea bass, monkfish

l dozen mussels

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

2 to 3 shallots, finely chopped

2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

2 carrots, peeled and thinly sliced

1 bulb fennel, trimmed, cored, rinsed and cut into julienne strips

1 large leek, trimmed, cleaned and thinly sliced

1 cup dry white wine

6 cups fish stock, preferably homemade

1 (28-ounce) can plum tomatoes (crushed) with juice

1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves

2 tablespoons finely chopped, flat leaf Italian parsley

Pinch saffron

Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

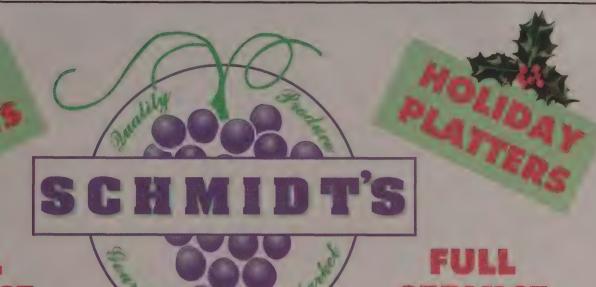
1. Scrub the clams in cold tap water until sand is removed. Peel and devein shrimp. Remove side muscle from scallops and discard. Cut white flesh fish into 1 ½-inch pieces. Refrigerate the prepped fish up to one day ahead, loosely covered with a damp towel over a bag of ice, until needed. For the mussels, de-beard a few hours before cooking, as the beard is the lifeline of the mussels.

2. Heat oil in a large saucepan. Add shallots and garlic and sauté briefly. Add carrot, fennel and leek and toss to coat. Cover and cook over low heat for 6 to 7 minutes. Add white wine, bring to a boil and reduce by half. Add fish stock, crushed tomatoes, herbs and saffron and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes. Season fish broth with salt and pepper to taste. The broth may be prepared up to one day ahead. Refrigerate, covered, in a suitable container.

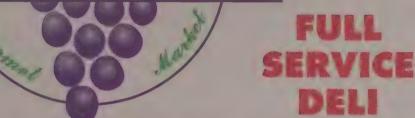
3. If fish broth was refrigerated, bring to room temperature and transfer to a saucepan large enough to hold the remaining ingredients. Fish should also be at room temperature. Bring broth to a simmer. Add shellfish and cook with cover ajar for 3 to 4 minutes. Add white-flesh fish and fennel and cook with cover ajar for 3 to 4 minutes longer or until fish is opaque and shellfish opens. Remove from heat and serve at once with slices of crusty bread.

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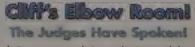
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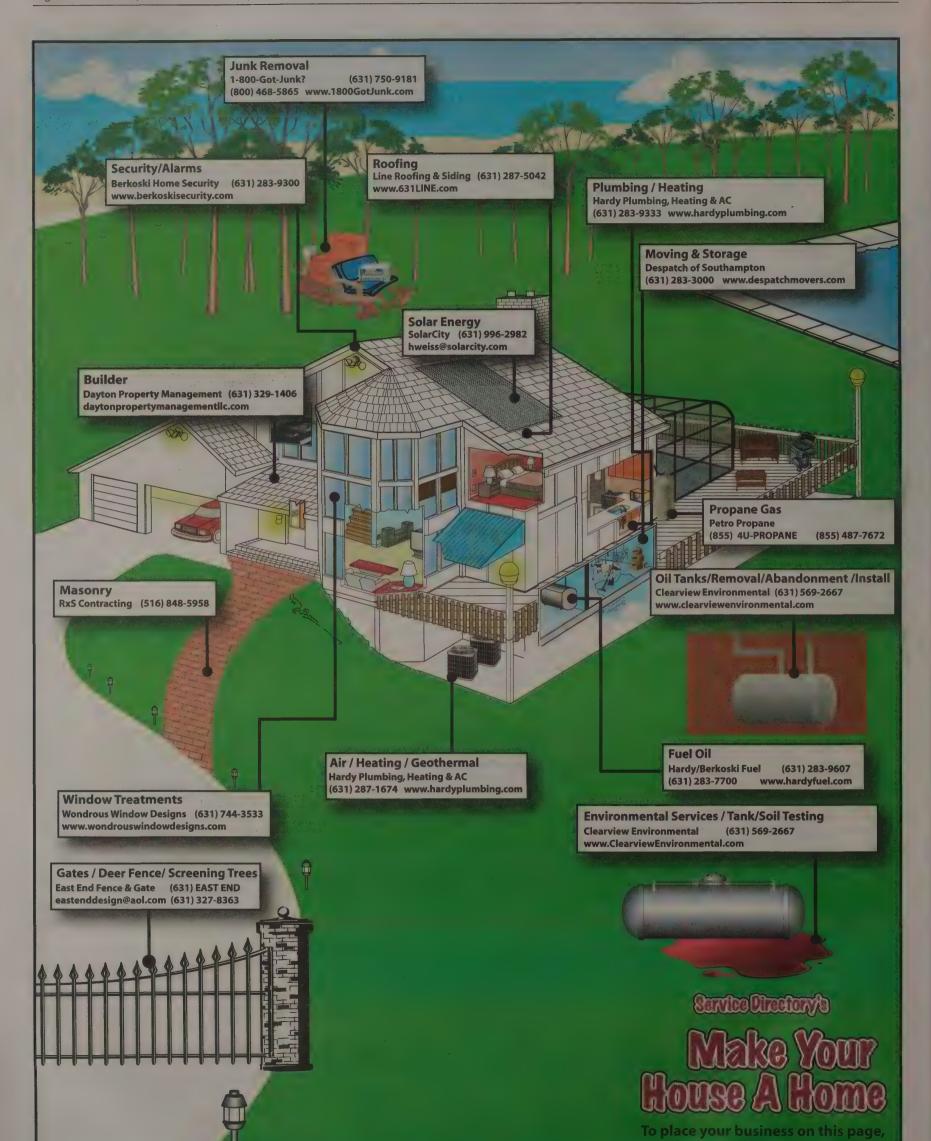
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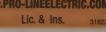
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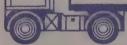
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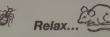


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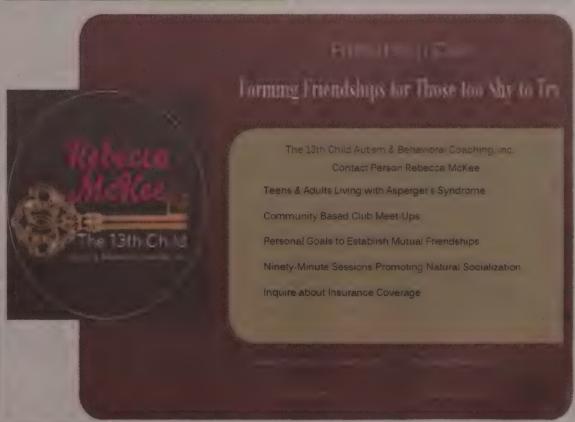
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"As the owner of a licensed real estate school and as a real estate attorney, I am always advising people on how to treat their neighbors," Lieb says. "I get questions that span across the spectrum from a neighbor wrongfully pruning my client's hedges to a neighbor neglecting to trim his own hedges and therefore making the neighborhood blighted.

"Clients call when their mailbox is blown-up, when their neighbor starts a garage band, and when their street is becoming a parking lot to a rental property just down the block," continues Lieb, who is also a contributing writer to the Dan's Papers real estate publication Behind the Hedges. "These same people also want to know how to rent their home while dealing with parking, when and where they can play music, and so on. All neighbors want to know their rights, but more so, neighbors want to receive practical advice on how to coexist with each other. They realize that moving is not an option."

Unlike courtroom shows, Neighbor Court will be filmed at the place of the dispute, showcasing

the homes and homeowners themselves, offering a look inside multimillion-dollar mansions as well as into the legal system. "The viewer will be able to experience the problem, hear experts explain the nuances inherent in the dispute and to learn the law," Lieb says. "Then, Neighbor Court will explain the difference in local laws and how the decision would have been different in a different place. Each community has its own laws."

The decisions arrived upon in the show will also have very real-world consequences. There will be money judgments and legally binding orders issued-and, Lieb notes, inherent drama. "Neighbor Court will revitalize the tired tradition of Court TV. It will incorporate the electric visuals offered on HGTV by filming on-site, at the place of the dispute. It will be edutainment, offering the fun and quickwitted style of The Daily Show with Jon Stewart on Comedy Central while teaching the audience in the process. At the end of the day, though, this is a court program, and it will have the heart of Will McAvoy of Newsroom at its essence."

Lieb found some inspiration for the show in the rising interest among TV viewers in the East End, and not just on the reality TV front. "It wasn't just the Kardashians, but Royal Pains, Revenge and The Affair as well," he says. "The world wants to know what happens in the Hamptons, and this is the perfect place to launch Neighbor Court."

And the perfect place from which to draw participants, Lieb believes, for numerous reasons. "Big price tags create big drama and the East End's

price tags are second to none," he notes. "Many celebrities have real problems, and this show will humanize them to their audiences. City people with second homes can have false expectations about suburban living, which makes them ripe for disputes while living in the suburbs. And the property is beautiful, and everyone wants to know what is behind the hedges—this show brings you there."

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